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Welch also created an organization in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Chapters of this Society are coming into existence in various parts of the country. The Bureau has received several inquiries concerning the Society and is in possession of a copy of "The Blue Book," which sets forth information on the Society.

The above is furnished for information purposes. In the event a chapter of The John Birch Society is organized in your territory, the Bureau should be notified promptly and furnished a resume of the chapter's activities. The Bureau is particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters. No investigation should be conducted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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Excerpts From

April Report To Members of the John Birch Society

By Robert Welch

"Now as to some overall results. First, the attacks, especially the more maliciously false ones, have caused heartache and embarrassment to many of our friends and members, as was intended. Second, the extensiveness and bitterness of the attacks have temporarily slowed down our recruiting of new members, materially in some areas and perhaps to at least a slight extent in all areas. And third, the total nation-wide activity and excitement has so buried all of us here under telephone calls, telegrams, clippings, letters, advice, requests for advice, suggestions for action, blueprints for counterattacks, polite invitations and overbearing demands for interviews and statements and program appearances and articles and speeches from newspapers all over the country, from television and radio networks and from individual stations, and from organizations (leftwing and rightwing) of every kind -- that our correspondence has, for the time being, got away from us completely.

Those are, so far as we can judge at present, the total damages. As against them we have the following and far surpassing gains for which to be thankful. First has been the proof of the utterly unshakable loyalty of our members. The affirmations of support and of increased dedication to our cause, pouring in here from every part of the country, are almost unbelievable, even to ourselves. And there is no way we can express our appreciation except in this brief paragraph. But it runs very deep, and the encouragement -- to all of us -- has been profound.

Second, and related, is the net gain in our membership right while the campaign against us has been at its peak (so far). We have lost some members of course -- almost exactly one-quarter of one percent since February 25, when the article appeared in the Communist People's World. And, as we remarked above, our recruiting has undoubtedly been slowed down. Yet we have added more new members every day since February 25 than we have lost old members in the whole period since

What Is Behind The Attack On Robert Welch and The John Birch Society?

By Phoebe Courtney, Editor

A columnist by the name of Jack Mabley, formerly with the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, now with the CHICAGO AMERICAN, is loudly claiming credit for having launched the recent smears on Robert Welch and the John Birch Society. Although Mabley first attacked Robert Welch in one of his columns on July 26, 1960, the smear campaign died down until it was rejuvenated on Saturday, February 25, 1961, by the PEOPLE'S WORLD of San Francisco. On that date, the PEOPLE'S WORLD picked up Mr. Mabley's smear by joining in the attack on Robert Welch with the following headlines:

"ENTER (from stage right) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY"

Who and what is the PEOPLE'S WORLD Newspaper? According to the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and Appendix), Revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, Prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C." it is stated, on page 100:

"DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD

"1. 'The official organ of the Communist Party on the west coast.'

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 95; also cited in Annual Report, H. R. 1, January 3, 1941, p. 10.)"

The editorial in the Communist publication PEOPLE'S WORLD speaks of the John Birch Society as using the "cell" method of organizing. The PEOPLE'S WORLD also states:

" 'Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase,' Welch proclaimed on one occasion, 'a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud.' "

The PEOPLE'S WORLD also refers to a project of the John Birch Society which asked its members "to wield pens in a letter-writing campaign calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren."

Although the John Birch Society lists 25 Council Members, the Communist-controlled PEOPLE'S WORLD singles out only

Robert Welch

The newest member on the anti-Robert Welch team is Senator Stephen M. Young of Ohio. It will be recalled that several years ago Senator Young of Ohio gained national notoriety when he sneeringly referred to members of the American Legion as "super patriots."

Senator Stephen Young's ranting attack on Robert Welch on April 3 is puerile indeed. He refers to Mr. Robert Welch as "a little Hitler," and states: "I assert the John Birch Society is a Fascist group."

In a recent column, Louis Budenz, noted authority on the menace of Communism, stated that the Communists label every law and move "Fascist" which would halt the conspirators. Then Mr. Budenz said: "There is still another reason for the return to the term 'Fascist' by the Communists in combating

MOVE TO ABOLITH HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES FAILS

Space does not permit any lengthy discussion of the attempt by the Communists and their dupes to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. To abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities would mean that the Congress would deprive itself of legal methods of investigating Communist subversion. It is well to remember that prominent among those who tried to abolish the HCUA were the notorious left-wing Congressman James Roosevelt, and the American Civil Liberties Union. It should be noted that the American Civil Liberties Union has been cited as being heavily infiltrated with Communists and fellow-travelers and frequently following the Communist line and defending Communists, particularly in its Los Angeles unit, (California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1948, pages 107 and 112, and Report, 1949, p. 270.)

Congress is to be congratulated for overwhelmingly backing up the House Committee on Un-American Activities by appropriating all necessary funds to finance this committee, which is so vital to American security against Communist subversion.

"OPERATION ABOLITION," THE ANTI-COMMUNIST FILM

Whereas action defending the House Committee on Un-American Activities has been, for the most part, confined to Congress itself, support for the film "Operation Abolition" which exposes Communist activities in the San Francisco student riots of 1960 comes directly from individual American citizens and patriotic groups throughout the nation. This film, "Operation Abolition" has possibly awakened more Americans to the Communist menace in the United States than any other single activity being carried on by Conservatives. It exposes through the all-revealing eye of the camera just how the Communists operate.

Members of the John Birch Society, as well as members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American

that date. And the day this passage is being written -- Monday, March 27 -- we have received about four times as many new members as our total loss of the past five weeks.

In this connection Time magazine may be interested to know of its tremendous impact and influence. For the number of applications for membership coming in here, solely or largely on the basis of what Time wrote about us, and the number of requests for information about us, and the number of requests for information about the Society, with a view to joining, is quite a surprise. "If Time hates you that much," reads a typical letter, "then you must really be doing an effective job, and I want to join in your efforts." We are not gloating over this result, for we had rather not have had the attack, and have been able to go on working more quietly, building strength and understanding. But we do take some consolation from it.

Third of the beneficial results has been the widespread increase in thinking about the Communist conspiracy, its methods and its dangerous advance, that has been promoted -- however unintentionally and even unwittingly -- by all of the publicity about The John Birch Society. You let the press keep telling millions of Americans how ridiculous it is for The John Birch Society members to think that there are and have been a lot of Communists on our anti-Communist team, and more and more thousands of those same Americans soon begin to say to themselves: "Well, obviously the members of The John Birch Society don't have anything to gain -- in fact it visibly causes them a lot of grief and requires a lot of courage -- by making up such charges. And the Communists do seem to be winning. Maybe there's a lot more wrong in this picture than we have been seeing or suspecting, and we had better start looking into it more closely." If a member of the Society can catch any such doubter at just that point, and put any one of a dozen good books in his hands, that man is already on the way to reading enough and studying enough to see how terrible the whole picture really is. And the campaign to destroy us thus becomes a factor in that painful awakening of patriotic citizens which -- while still comparatively little and late -- is now going on all over America.

Fourth and last, least certain but possibly most important, the Communists may have been provoked into moving too fast too soon; into taking steps which will help to bring a lot of things to a head before they are as entirely ready for it as they always like to be. For what is certain is that, with the insidiously increasing reach downward of Communist power, influence, and pressures, throughout the middle levels and then the whole base of our social pyramid, time is all on their side. And the sooner we can draw the lines and get the American people to recognize and face the issues and the danger, the better is our country's chance of survival."

four by name. These are Dean Clarence Manion, T. Coleman Andrews, Spruille Braden and Adolph Menjou.

ENTER SENATOR MILTON YOUNG

The next character to enter the scene of this strange drama was Senator Milton Young of North Dakota. Senator Young jumped into the fray on March 8 by inserting in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the anti-Robert Welch article in TIME Magazine (post-dated March 10.) Senator Young continued his attack on the John Birch Society in the March 20th CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and again on March 28th and 30th. Altogether, Senator Young has, to date, used more than 17 pages of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reprinting articles attacking the John Birch Society. Among those whose articles Senator Young inserted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD are editorials from the Santa Barbara, California, NEWS-PRESS of February 26, 1961. It is interesting to note that the March 11 issue of the Communist-controlled PEOPLE'S WORLD shares Senator Young's admiration for the Santa Barbara, California, NEWS-PRESS, because the Communist newspaper printed an editorial on March 11 entitled "Editor Denounces Secret Hate Group," in which the Communist paper praised the Santa Barbara NEWS-PRESS.

Why has Senator Milton Young of North Dakota "teed off" on the John Birch Society to such an extent that he now finds himself in such strange company? Marquis Childs, extreme left wing columnist, "let the cat out of the bag" as to what could very well account for Senator Young's vituperative attitude toward the John Birch Society. According to Marquis Childs, the Constitutional amendment sponsored by the Committee for Economic Freedom, which would get the government out of competition with private enterprise so the income tax can be repealed, was before the North Dakota State Legislature several weeks ago. Senator Young was apparently very upset, because this Constitutional amendment when passed by 2/3 of all the State Legislatures, will destroy many pet boondoggles. In Young's case, the Garrison Dam Irrigation Diversion Project in North Dakota, apparently one of Senator Young's pets, could have been affected. Senator Young pressured the North Dakota State Legislature into defeating the proposed Constitutional amendment. As a consequence, members of the John Birch Society in North Dakota have expressed themselves in no uncertain terms to their Senator, Mr. Young, as to how they feel about his actions which promote bigger Federal Spending. (Editor's note: Senator Milton Young comes up for re-election in 1962!)

Solon Defends Birch Society Against Attack

(Reprinted from Shreveport (La.) JOURNAL)

WASHINGTON —Criticism in Congress and elsewhere of the John Birch Society brought a cry today from a member — who also sits in Congress—that Communists are promoting a "smear" of the ultra-rightist organization.

Even as a Justice Department spokesman said the society's activities are a matter of concern there, Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., called a news conference and declared:

"My advice is for people not to sound off before they have all the facts."

Hiestand said he did not agree with Welch as to Eisenhower or Warren.

But, he said, the remarks about Eisenhower had "been made several years ago and were taken out of context" by those now quoting them.

Hiestand said there were also other society policy statements he disagreed with, but added:

"I choose to stay because the society as a whole is a 98 per cent dedicated anti-Communist group. To me it would seem to have a better chance of successful achievement than any of the other sound and fine patriotic groups of which I know."

Hiestand, when disclosing his own membership Thursday, had said there were other members of Congress in the society but did not name them.

Today, he named Rep. John Rousselot, R-Calif., as another member of Congress active in the society and said "I am quite sure there are others."

Hiestand said he belongs to the "home" chapter of the society which he described as a nationwide chapter directly under Welch. He referred to Welch as "the founder" in all references to him during the news conference.

Hiestand described the society members as "violent, emphatic, dedicated anti-Communists" but contended that not more than 2 per cent "might be considered extremists."

He said growing criticism of the group by newspapers and public figures was part of a "pro-Communist smear" and was proof of the society's success in fighting communism.

In response to a question, he said he was unable to identify any Communists among those who were criticizing the society.

"But they are in the background of the smear," he added.

Hiestand said the major aim of the society is to spread information about the Communist conspiracy, through letters to congressmen and other methods.

our internal security legislation. That arises from the favorable atmosphere' for its use which they behold in the constant repetition of anti-Nazi movies on television, the fact that one of our chief best sellers is a long review of the rise and fall of Nazism, and that there is a general attempt to keep us mentally in World War II rather than in the Cold War which the Kremlin is waging against us."

Mr. Budenz then goes on to state that Moscow is urging a world-wide war against "anti-Communism" and says:

"We read all about 'the futility of anti-Communism' in an article of the same name in the NEW TIMES, No. 7, for 1961. This directive piece, coming from Moscow, is part of the worldwide 'crusade' launched by the Declaration of the eighty-one Communist parties last Fall, in which an extensive castigation of 'anti-Communism' played a large part. It is intended to make us all convinced that it is useless to oppose Communism since 'Communist ideas will triumph in all countries.' "

It is a sad day indeed in America when we see U. S. Senators wittingly or unwittingly, parroting directives from Moscow.

ERIC SEVAREID AND 'THE BIG LIE'

One of the most astonishing statements ever published by a left-wing columnist is that which appeared in a recent column by Eric Sevareid, to wit:

"....The next week I was in the wide, bright towns of the American Middle West, where thousands of the uneducated refuse to understand that the internal Communist threat is really dead."

Fortunately for America, the majority of our citizens are no longer "taken in" by such dangerous drivel. Space does not permit any more time on the likes of Mr. Sevareid, except to completely refute his asinine statement with a quotation by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who recently stated:

"Communism was never more dangerous to American freedom than right now."

THE NEW ZIG AND ZAG OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

In considering the smear now taking place against Robert Welch and the John Birch Society, it would be well to view the entire picture. This attack on the John Birch Society is not an isolated stratagem employed by Communists, fellow travelers and dupes of the Communists. It is part and parcel of the over-all attempt by the left wingers to destroy all Conservative opposition in this country. This drive has consisted of the following steps:

(1) Concerted efforts to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities - which failed;

(2) An attempt to cut appropriations of the House Committee on Un-American Activities - which failed;

(3) Sporadic attacks in an attempt to discredit the House Committee on Un-American Activities' film "Operation Abolition," which is exposing to audiences of thousands each week throughout the country the Communists behind the student riots in San Francisco in May, 1960.

(4) An attempt to halt the increasing momentum of the "Impeach Earl Warren" movement. (It will be recalled that in 36 out of 39 decisions Earl Warren voted on the side of the Communists). This movement to impeach Earl Warren, which is being spearheaded by the John Birch Society, continues to flood Congressmen and Senators with letters from their constituents advocating the impeachment of Earl Warren.

(5) And, now - the mounting attack on Robert Welch and the John Birch Society for the purpose of attempting to smear the John Birch Society out of existence so as to weaken public support of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the film "Operation Abolition," as well as to invalidate the movement to "Impeach Earl Warren."

Legion, school boards, church groups, local police departments, and universities are showing the film "Operation Abolition." The result is that the Communists and their fellow travelers are becoming frantic, and are trying any and all methods to stop the showing of this strongly anti-Communist film, "Operation Abolition".

IMPEACH EARL WARREN MOVEMENT

The "Impeach Earl Warren" movement sponsored by the John Birch Society is gaining momentum. It is awakening the American people to the fact that in 36 out of 39 cases, Chief Justice Warren voted on the side of the Communists.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Congressman Brooks of Louisiana stated on March 1st:

"The committee (House Committee on Un-American Activities) has been at times under severe attack, and it has been handicapped and hindered, often by acts of Communist conspirators and fellow travelers throughout the country. In addition to this, the U.S. Supreme Court itself, by its decisions, has been anything but helpful to this committee. Some of the decisions of this Court, having reference to this great committee of Congress, have been calculated -- in my judgment -- to cripple and harass this committee."

Congressman Brooks then stated that he was in favor of giving the House Committee on Un-American Activities "more power and more authority for two reasons: (1) That the committee may continue its work and even do more effective work to uncover Communism and un-Americanism wherever it exists; and (2) as a rebuke to the U. S. Supreme Court for its weak-kneed vacillating decisions which have often in recent years favored Communism...."

Congressman Hechler, Columnist Marquis Childs, and a "news-hen" by the name of Ruth Finney, all of whom are wringing their hands over the "Impeach Earl Warren" movement, are, to a man (or woman) strangely silent when it comes to refuting the documented evidence of Warren's pro-Communist decisions. (For full details as to why Earl Warren should be impeached and for proof that he has violated the "good behavior" clause of the U. S. Constitution, send today for a sample copy of TAX FAX #27, entitled "IMPEACH EARL WARREN," published by THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN, Post Office Box 4223, New Orleans 18, Louisiana).

Commenting on the Communist infiltration in the U. S., the DAILY REPORT, published at Ontario-Upland, California, recently stated:

"The ease with which the world Communist organization has spread its base of support across large segments of the American public that never knowingly would ally itself with the Communist cause, is something to shake the most hardy American."

Along this line, the BOTHELL CITIZEN, of Bothell, Washington, editorialized:

"The first point that must be made in unequivocal terms is that Communism has never altered its original and most fundamental goal, that is, the complete and lasting victory over capitalism. The Communist leopard may change his tactics, but never his spots. Our destruction is his ultimate goal, despite all his pious protestations for coexistence and economic competition."

THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN Newspaper views this attack on Robert Welch and the John Birch Society plainly and simply as an attempt to discredit all opposition to Communism in the United States. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. Which do you choose -- the American system of Constitutional government and Free Enterprise or the totalitarian system being promoted in international Communism which has enslaved millions of people throughout the world?

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THE COMMUNIST-INSPIRED SMEAR OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Subscriber:

Doubtless you have read and heard the all-out attack against Robert Welch and the John Birch Society, which he founded, now being conducted in the nation's press, on radio and on television.

We had not intended putting out a new issue of THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN Newspaper until our return from the three-day "Convention of Conservatives" which our paper is sponsoring at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, April 13, 14 and 15. However, smear attacks of the John Birch Society have now reached such national proportions that we feel it necessary to set the record straight about both Robert Welch and the John Birch Society, as well as about where THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN stands in this controversy. Accordingly we enclose a two-page ("Special Edition") of THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN for April, which we have just published in order to bring to you, our subscriber, all the documented facts concerning the Communist-inspired smear on the John Birch Society. Please be assured that this "Special Edition" will not be charged against your regular subscription to THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN. The enclosed "Special Edition" is an "extra" and is being sent to you in order that you may have, as quickly as possible, the true facts regarding the attack on Robert Welch.

In view of the Communist-inspired attack of the John Birch Society, Phoebe and I are prouder than ever that we are both members of the John Birch Society. As a matter of fact, I am a chapter leader of the JBS here in New Orleans.

The vitriolic attack on the John Birch Society is proof positive that the Communists, their fellow-travelers, the Liberal press, and the left wingers in both the Democrat and the Republican parties are becoming very frightened at the realization that America is at long last awakening to the dangers of this continuing appeasement of Soviet Russia which for too long has been practiced by both major parties.

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The February-March issue of THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN contained a full story of THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN FORUM and NEW PARTY RALLY which we are sponsoring at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, April 13, 14 and 15. It is highly significant that a number of the speakers scheduled at our three-day "Convention of Conservatives" are members of the John Birch Society.

(Please see other side.....)

The main speaker at the Friday night banquet of THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN FORUM in cooperation with the National Committee for Economic Freedom, is none other than CONGRESSMAN EDGAR W. HIESTAND of California. Congressman Hiestand, it will be noted, was the first member of Congress to defend the John Birch Society and to state that he is a member!

Other speakers at our three-day "Convention of Conservatives" who are members of the John Birch Society are: DR. MEDFORD EVANS, DAN HANSON, ROBERT CLIFTON and BRYTON BARRON. The two speakers at the NEW PARTY RALLY on Saturday night are TOM ANDERSON and J. BRACKEN LEE - both of whom are members of the John Birch Society!

Because of the extensive scope of the attack on the John Birch Society, the nation's spotlight will be on the INDEPENDENT AMERICAN FORUM and NEW PARTY RALLY in Chicago. We and our speakers will be "on the front line" as we defend and promote the cause of Conservatism.

If you wish to help in this fight against Communism at home and abroad, then we beg your assistance as follows:

(1) If you have not as yet responded to our appeal letter of March 31st, please do so today in order that this history-making three-day "Convention of Conservatives" may be adequately financed. If, however, you have already responded, then please accept our most humble gratitude for your generosity; and

(2) Please, if at all possible, make every effort to attend the INDEPENDENT AMERICAN FORUM and NEW PARTY RALLY in Chicago, at the Morrison Hotel, April 13, 14 and 15. The Communists will be watching and waiting to see if the Conservatives have the courage of their convictions and will publicly assemble to support the United States Constitution and the Free Enterprise system. Join us in Chicago! -- Bring your friends! Your presence will guarantee that your State is represented in the March of the State Flags.

Kennedy has asked the American people to "sacrifice" to promote his Socialistic schemes and to "improve America's position in the eyes of the world." I ask that you make any sacrifice necessary or possible to come to Chicago to help save the United States from Socialist tyranny, and to again gain the respect of the world by standing up to and eventually defeating the atheistic world-wide Communist conspiracy!

Will we see you in Chicago?

For God and Country,

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THE TIME HAS COME

The President of the United States has been murdered by a Marxist-Communist within the United States.

It has been pointed out by the Hon. Martin Dies, since the assassination, that "Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist," and that when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders. The former Congressman, head of the original Dies Committee, is probably second only to J. Edgar Hoover in first-hand knowledge acquired from early and long experience in investigating Communist activities.

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover said in a speech on October 18, 1960: "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be." He emphatically repeated this statement on December 3, 1963 - - ten days after the assassination. And this is none the less war because the Communists conduct it according to their right. This has now been proved, tragically but conclusively, to the deep sorrow, but also to the profound alarm, of all good Americans. The time has come for those good Americans to join us in this fight against the powerfully organized "masters of deceit." For, as Edmund Burke once wrote: "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

The John Birch Society is an *educational* army, and our only weapon is the truth. But George Washington stated our problem well: "Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light." We take tremendous pains in proportion to our numbers and our strength, and all we need to win is that enough other patriots join us in our determination and our labors. For there is nothing the Communists fear so much in the whole world

to rest on this success. Instead, we can expect them to use the shock, grief, and confusion of the American people, resulting from the assassination of our President, as an opportunity for pushing their own plans faster. Also, we shall be subjected to an ever greater barrage of distortions and falsehoods, aimed at imposing on the nation a completely false picture of the situation and of the forces at work. They have to subvert our minds as well as our institutions.

For five years The John Birch Society has said that, regardless of the external threat, Communism was a serious internal menace in the United States. And we were

If you oppose the Communist conspiracy by learning and spreading the truth, you may expect to be smeared as viciously as we have been for five years. But you will be helping to save your family and your country from the same cruel tyranny that has already been imposed on a billion human beings.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Executive Committee: Wm. J. Grede, A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., Fred C. Koch, Clarence E. Manion, R. W. Stoddard.

Please Note

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

The John Birch Society
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

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(Check the box that applies.)

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Sincerely,

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

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File No. 105-1499-1A-3

Date Received Jan 22, 1964

From Shreveport Journal
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By J.A. Keller
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes ☐
No ☑

Description:

Clip from Shreveport Journal entitled "The Time Has Come" By John Birch Society.

[illegible] statement on December 3, 1963 - - ten days after the assassination. And this is none the less war because the Communists conduct it according to their usual methods, without regard to civilized rules or human decency.

THE TIME HAS COME

The President of the United States has been murdered by a Marxist-Communist within the United States.

It has been pointed out by the Hon. Martin Dies, since the assassination, that "Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist," and that when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders. The former Congressman, head of the original Dies Committee, is probably second only to J. Edgar Hoover in first-hand knowledge acquired from early and long experience in investigating Communist activities.

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover said in a speech on October 18, 1960: "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be." He emphatically repeated this statement on December 3, 1963 - - ten days after the assassination. And this is none the less war because the Communists conduct it according to their usual methods, without regard to civilized rules or human decency.

right. This has now been proved, tragically but conclusively, to the deep sorrow, but also to the profound alarm, of all good Americans. The time has come for those good Americans to join us in this fight against the powerfully organized "masters of deceit." For, as Edmund Burke once wrote: "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

The John Birch Society is an *educational* army, and our only weapon is the truth. But George Washington stated our problem well: "Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light." We take tremendous pains in proportion to our numbers and our strength, and all we need to win is that enough other patriots join us in our determination and our labors. For there is nothing the Communists fear so much in the whole world today as having the American people learn, too soon, the truth about their purposes.

Nor is it in character for the Communists to rest on this success. Instead, we can expect them to use the shock, grief, and confusion of the American people, resulting from the assassination of our President, as an opportunity for pushing their own plans faster. Also, we shall be subjected to an ever greater barrage of distortions and falsehoods, aimed at imposing on the nation a completely false picture of the situation and of the forces at work. They have to subvert our minds as well as our institutions.

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Sincerely,

Director, FBI 2/9/60

SAC, New Orleans (105-0)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re SAC Letter 60-5, 1/26/60, particularly Paragraph C, entitled "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING, IS," Bufile #62-104401.

On 1/29/60, [redacted] contacted SA THURMAN P. KELLEY and confidentially advised that about a week or ten days ago he was contacted by Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, former professor of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, who wanted him, [redacted] to meet with ten or twelve other men and discuss "The John Birch Society" and what it stands for and make some plans for an organizational meeting. EVANS had been talking to [redacted] EVANS indicated that he wanted influential men in the meeting but appeared to want to keep the meeting very quiet. He had wanted [redacted] to make space available at [redacted] so that it would not be public knowledge that a meeting was to take place.

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[redacted] was of the impression the organization is supposedly for "good government" and possibly a patriotic organization; however, he had no further details.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] and [redacted] has contacted him regarding the matter and they are unable to understand why there should be anything secretive about the organization or the meeting. He is confident that [redacted] will not have anything to do if he, [redacted] does not.

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[redacted] doubts that the Society will be organized at Shreveport at the present time and he is not going to have anything to do with it and he is sure that [redacted] will not join it or have anything further to do with it because of the fact that Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, organizer, was dismissed from his position at the College and because of the semi-secret nature of trying to organize instant society.

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[redacted] has no further information regarding EVANS except he still resides at Natchitoches, Louisiana, but is of the opinion [redacted]

The files of the New Orleans Office reflect that Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, a former professor at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, was a strong supporter of segregation and states rights. In a newspaper article appearing in the "Shreveport Journal," April 1, 1959 edition, MEDFORD stated to the press that he believed that he had been fired from Northwestern State College because of outside pressure from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The article stated that EVANS was a graduate of Yale University and had been on the faculty of Northwestern State College since 1955. He indicated that he had been employed by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission as Chief of the Security Training Division for eight years. The article states that EVANS wrote a book entitled "The Secret War for the A-Bomb," which charged that laxity in American security had allowed the Russians to steal enough processed Uranium to make forty or fifty A-bombs.

"The Shreveport Journal" issue of April 13, 1959, indicated that EVANS was scheduled to address the Plain Dealing, Louisiana Citizens' Council on April 14, 1959.

The Bureau will be advised concerning any further efforts to organize The John Birch Society in Shreveport, Louisiana.

[redacted] should not be contacted by anyone but KELLEY if it should be necessary to recontact him at a later date.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~DIRECTOR, FBI~~ SAC, NEW ORLEANS DATE:

FROM : SA [redacted]

~~SAC, NEW ORLEANS~~

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(SEE SACLET 60-5) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: GEORGE WELCH
INFORMATION CONCERNING
ROBERT H. WELCH, JR

On 2/15/60, GRADY GILMORE, Director of Public Relations, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Jackson, Miss., telephonically contacted SA [redacted] of the Jackson, Miss., resident Agency, and advised that he had received in the mail a "blue Book" put out by captioned individual. He said he read the book and in general it outlines the evolution of the Communist Party and goes into some detail about CPUSA. Received at the same time in the mail was an offer to join the John Birch Society, of which WELCH is apparently the leader. The society, for $2.00 per month, will distribute a monthly brochure concerning CPUSA and also will make available a ~~###~~ tape recording of the above described " Blue Book"

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GILMORE stated he drew the impression that WELCH is a former Government employee and on the basis of the knowledge obtained by him in this employment was able to write the 300 page "Blue Book".

GILMORE stated the John Birch Society is named after a Baptist Missionary who allegedly was murdered by Communists in China.

GILMORE stated he was impressed by the book and accompanying literature and thought he might like to use material in the book for the basis of a lecture which he could give in line with his job all over the state of Mississippi.

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He asked if the FBI could state to him that the book represents a true picture of CP activities in the United States and if WELCH is recognized as a leader in the American fight against communisim by the FBI.

SA [redacted] told GILMORE that the FBI is not in a position to endorse a person, organization or publication because of our role as a fact finding organization. b6 b7C

GILMORE stated that he would be willing to make a copy of this "Blue Book" available in the event it is desired by the FBI.

The above is submitted for information.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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100-0-71

There has been much talk between my friends about a new anti-communist organization called the John Birch Society whose President is Robert Welch of Belmont Massachusetts. Mr Welch proposes to form a national organization to fight Communism through pressure exerted by "front" organizations in politics and publicity factors. He has offered the first positive action for resisting Communism that I know about. I have tried to fight the socialistic and communistic trends in our goverment, Methodist Church and local racial affairs by belonging to Public Actions, Louisiana Methodist Lay Association, and the Citizens Council, plus what personal attempts I can formulate. But all this action is only taken from a defensive position after the "opposition" has gained control or established a trend. There is definite need for an offensive action against this socialism - communism taken by private citizens. What is it? This question has brought me to consideration of the John Birch Society as a possible course of action. However, Mr Welch clearly states there will be no "pro" or "con" about the actions taken -- it will all be decided by him as to the course of action and policies to be followed. This sort of dictatorial leadership is contrary to my general beliefs, but where can I turn to help stop this danger to our country?

Any information or comments you have on this John Birch Society would be appreciated.

In closing, I would like to give you a most inadequate thanks for the splendid quality of work done by you and your organization in establishing observance of law and love for our country.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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March 18, 1960

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated March 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, however, enclosing some literature available for distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

Your kind personal remarks are indeed gratifying and I trust that the work of the Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)

1 - New Orleans (Enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS, PAGE TWO

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ATTENTION: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. Your office has previously reported activity to institute a unit of this Society at Shreveport, Louisiana.

The enclosures being sent to the correspondent are:

1. Statement by J. Edgar Hoover, Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, U.S.A., December 10-13, 1959.

2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

MEDFORD EVANS
207 PINE STREET
NATCHITOCHES, LA.

April 14, 1960

Mr. John E. Gregg
First National Bank Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Gregg:

You are known as an outstanding citizen among those who support Americanism and the Southern way of life; those who would revolutionize both have marked you for an enemy. If that seems a dramatic way to put it, these are dramatic days. You are, of course, much safer than most of the apathetic citizens around you. Merely to take a stand against the danger is to lessen the danger. Americans in general, and Southerners in particular, need to follow your example of alert concern with public affairs. Only so can we defeat the forces of Communism.

You are familiar with the reaction: Oh, we hear too much about Communism! You know that the truth is, we do not hear enough. We do not hear specifically what the Communists are doing and plan to do; we do not hear what we should do to protect ourselves.

You are invited to come to Parlor A of the Heidelberg Hotel, Tuesday, April 26, at seven-thirty in the evening, to hear an analysis of the current program of the Communist Party, and a plan to save the South and the whole country from the social wreckage which that program will bring if not checked.

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You are not a frivolous person, and this will not be a frivolous meeting. It is sponsored by The John Birch Society, but you will be in no way committed to the Society by accepting this invitation. The evening will be full; we shall interrupt the session midway with light refreshments.

I should consider it a favor if you find it possible to attend. And may I invite you also to bring, if you like, a friend whose interest in public affairs is similar to your own?

Sincerely yours,

Medford Evans

Medford Evans

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LAW OFFICES
CARTER, GREGG AND JONES

TEL. FLEETWOOD 4-4917
936 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

April 18, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 930
New Orleans 8, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter was sent to me through the mail. I pass it along to you for whatever purpose it might serve.

I did not reply to the letter.

Sincerely,

CARTER, GREGG AND JONES

BY: John
John E. Gregg

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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By letter of 4/18/60, Mr. JOHN E. GREGG, former Special Agent of the FBI, who is presently a practicing attorney in Jackson, Mississippi and was campaign manager for ROSS BARNETT, present governor of the State of Mississippi, forwarded to this office a multigraphed letter from MEDFORD EVANS, 207 Pine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

The letter invited GREGG to attend a meeting of The John Birch Society to be held at the Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi, 4/26/60, "to hear an analysis of the current program of the Communist Party, and a plan to save the South and the whole country from the social wreckage which that program will bring if not checked."

Background information concerning Dr. MEDFORD EVANS was furnished in my letter of 2/9/60 bearing the same caption as above. Additional data was furnished in my teletype to the Bureau, 1/7/59, entitled, "MEDFORD EVANS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING."

The Bureau will be advised of any further developments.

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1000 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
April 21, 1960

Mr. John E. Gregg
936 First National Bank Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Gregg:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 18, 1960 enclosing an invitation for you to attend a meeting of The John Birch Society.

Your interest in forwarding this material is indeed appreciated.

With best regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

R. W. BACHMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 5/16/60

FROM : SA THURMAN P. KELLEY

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 5/16/60 [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had received literature from headquarters of captioned organization with a letter stating that Dr. MEDFORD EVANS had suggested him as a "good American". This literature did not mention any local organization of the Society. [redacted] said he does not plan to join the organization.

Above furnished for information only.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As a civics teacher, I have been vitally interested in Communism and the role it is playing in the world and in America today. My classes were also greatly interested in learning more about Communism, and as a result, we had many long discussions about it, and about what we as individuals can do to combat it. Toward the end of the last school year I was invited to join a group in Shreveport, Louisiana, where I taught, called the "John Birch Society." I was told that it was a current-affairs, political organization, whose weapon was letters to the various administrators of our government. One of the events in which it took part was a letter writing campaign requesting that President Eisenhower not attend the Summit Conference. I was asked to join because "of my interest in current affairs," and of the "tremendous influence" I could exert.

I was very interested in the group, but hesitant to join without knowing more about it. I inquired among the other teachers at my school, but no one seemed to have any information other than that which I already had. I feel that perhaps I am being overly suspicious of Communist "front" organizations, and I am quite sure that the person issuing the invitation to me acted in good faith, but I would greatly appreciate your sending me any information that you might have regarding this organization. Should it really be an active organization acting in the better interests of our citizenship I would like very much to participate. Should it not be, I would not be willing to be made an avenue of erroneous information to school children, particularly since those which I teach are of a very impressionable age, and far more interested in current problems than many people believe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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1601 FOSTER STREET
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New Orleans, La.

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Dear

Your letter postmarked July 25, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

1 - New Orleans (See Note) (Enclosure)

Attention: SAC, New Orleans

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

(NOTE TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

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ATTENTION: SAC, NEW ORLEANS, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

(1) "Communist Target - Youth"
(2) A reprint from the March, 1960, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
(3) "God and Country or Communism?"
(4) "How to Beat Communism"
(5) "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
(6) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-new) DATE: 10/17/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 10/7/60, [redacted] advised the writer that he attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY held on the campus of Centenary College, Shreveport, La., on 10/6/60, at 7:30 PM. [redacted] stated that there were from 75 to 100 persons present and that the meeting, which was a general meeting of all members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in the Shreveport area and their guests, was under the direction of a Mr. MATHEWS of the Regal Plastic Supply Company.

The Shreveport City Directory shows that the President of the Regal Plastic Supply Company is Mr. E. S. MATTHEWS, whose wife is MILDRED and who resides at 324 McCormick Street in Shreveport.

[redacted] stated that the meeting was devoted principally to the viewing of two films of approximately an hour's duration each in which Mr. JOSEPH WELCH, National President of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY spoke through the medium of the films to the group. [redacted] said that the speeches were to exhort the people hearing them to join the organization and to promote its aims. He stated that the organization is strongly anti-Communist and that it devotes its time and energy to the defeat of Communism within the United States and throughout the world. In between the two films, a period was spent in which the people present were exhorted to purchase two books, one of which was "The History of JOHN BIRCH" and the other "A History of the John Birch Society."

[redacted] said that after the meeting persons present were instructed to join with the various chapters of which

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they were members for private membership meetings. He said that thereafter five or six small groups met in various parts of the building. He said the guests were not permitted to attend these private, closed membership meetings of the individual chapters in Shreveport.

Above submitted for information only. No action being taken.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: SAC

FROM: SA CARLYLE N. REED

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 2/2/61, [redacted] telephonically advised SA Carlyle N. Reed as follows:

One evening a few days ago, he attended the showing of a film on the dangers of communism at the home of [redacted] where there were approximately 25 people in attendance. [redacted] The film, which was of the silent variety, was narrated by one Jim Keller, further identity unknown.

[redacted] also attended a meeting on another occasion recently at [redacted] home when there were 6 or 7 people present and the John Birch Society, the book about this society and the imminent dangers of communism were discussed. Because these dangers were put so strongly, [redacted] said he and his wife were very alarmed about the situation. He requested information concerning the John Birch Society and whether or not it was actually a subversive organization.

[redacted] was advised that the FBI makes no comments or recommendations concerning any organizations and suggested he write to the Dept. of Justice for the Attorney General's list of cited organizations which he had mentioned and to the Govt. Printing Office for the most recent edition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities publication of subversive organizations.

Recommendation:

Index name of complainant and names mentioned by complainant.

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McCOLLISTER OPTICAL DISPENSARY
1601 FOSTER STREET
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

PHONE HE 3-3231

100-0-14222 & other refs.

I have recently been advised by friends of an anti-communistic organization called The John Birch Society. Their enthusiasm & belief in this organization is very high.

I would like to get your opinion of this organization before I take further steps to join.

Sincerely

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1000 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana
February 8, 1961

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McCollister Optical Dispensary
1601 Foster Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

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Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your undated letter received February 7, 1961.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

W. W. BROMWELL
Special Agent in Charge

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: March 9, 1961

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On March 8, 1961 captioned individual appeared at the Shreveport RA and identified himself as a member of the John Birch Society. He indicated he was extremely desirous of obtaining information concerning the National Council of Churches and specifically to determine if it had been designated as a subversive organization by the FBI.

The Bureau's jurisdiction and confidential nature of files was explained to [redacted] and he was told to contact the U. S. Department of Justice for information desired.

It should be noted that [redacted] is a [redacted] of Shreveport, has offices at [redacted] and resides [redacted]

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JOHN BIRCH FOUNDER

Welch Denies He Called Ike Card-Carrying Red

BELMONT, Mass., March 31 (AP). Robert Welch, founder of the ultra-rightist John Birch Society, denied today that he ever called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower a "card-carrying Communist."

When asked in an interview whether he ever did view Eisenhower as a red agent, he replied:

"I never had that opinion, I never thought it then with firmness enough to publish it or to say it in public and I don't today."

The latter exchange came when a reporter asked him to comment on this statement published in a book comprising what Welch calls a "private confidential letter written years ago:"

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

In another part of the book, this reference is made to Milton Eisenhower, the former President's brother:

"In my opinion, the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party. For one thing, he is obviously a great deal smarter."

The book—or letter—also describes President Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as tools of communism. When asked about this he told a reporter he had said "they were being used by the Communists—I never said they were Communists and I don't say it now."

The interview with Welch in the headquarters of the Birch Society here took place after he issued a

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prepared statement "offered as an effort to pierce . . . some of the incredible fog of falsehood now being so widely circulated about me."

Welch said in the statement he does not think Truman and Roosevelt were Communists "or sympathizers in any way with ultimate Communist aims."

Welch, a retired 61-year-old candy manufacturer, said "the John Birch Society is not, simply because we have sought to avoid publicity, thereby a secret organization.

"Our objective has been to build strength and understanding instead of creating noise," he said. "All of our materials are wide open for anybody to purchase."

Welch said "nowhere in my private or published writings have I ever called former President Eisenhower a 'card-carrying' Communist."

But Welch said he did write a "private confidential letter" some years ago "in which I stated in the blunt language of a personal letter some harsh personal opinions of our then-President. . . ."

He said that letter made it clear "that I had no quarrel with anybody who wished to attribute his (Eisenhower's) actions simply to political opportunism."

Welch said his letter was read by most of the men who founded the Birch Society in 1958 and was "specifically disavowed by the group as being no part of the material of belief of the John Birch Society in any way."

Welch also said he made clear in a book he wrote that "I did not think either Roosevelt or Truman were Communists or sympathizers in any way with ultimate Communist aims."

As to the society, Welch said:

"Our only 'crime' is fighting communism, and that we intend to continue until our side wins."

Welch added the society has "broken no law, violated no moral principles, and has a firmly-stated foundation of its program that even good ends never justify bad means."

Referring in the interview to the "private confidential letter," Welch said he originally sent it to "a few friends." They asked for copies to be sent to others, he said, and added:

"I kept adding to it and got more requests and the letter eventually grew to 80,000 words. That is why the letter came to be called a book."

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ROBERT H. W. WELCH JR., 61, retired businessman and head of the controversial John Birch Society gestures as he talks in his Belmont, Mass., office yesterday. (AP Wirephoto)

Attack on Society Held Pro-Red Smear

Congressman Defends Rightist Group

By STANLEY MEISLER

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressman called congressional attacks on the rightist John Birch Society Friday part of a "pro-Communist smear." The congressman, Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., is a member.

Despite Hiestand's description of the critics, criticism continued to mount against the society whose founder once said former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

And a spokesman for the Justice Department said the society's activities have become "a matter of concern to the Justice Department."

In addition, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover published a statement that implied criticism of the society.

NO SENATE ACTION

Although some congressmen have called for investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, and the Senate Government Operations Committee, the chairmen of all three bodies indicated they had no plans to investigate the society.

The society was founded in 1958 by Robert H. W. Welch Jr., 61, retired candy manufacturer in Massachusetts.

Welch proclaims the destruction of communism as one of his aims. The society takes its name from a Baptist missionary killed by Communists in China 10 days after the close of World War II.

The death of Birch, Welch says, was "the first casualty in the third world war between the Communists and the ever-shrinking free world."

WOULD RECALL WARREN

In recent weeks, the society has stirred much criticism in Congress by attacking such senators as Milton D. Young, R-N.D., and Thomas H. Kuchel, R-Calif., and by circulating a petition calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The criticism induced Hiestand to call a news conference Friday and declare: "My advice is for people not to sound off before they have all the facts."

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JOHN MORRISON BIRCH, for whom the controversial John Birch Society is named, was a Baptist soldier-missionary who was killed by Communists in China in 1945. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Birch, live in Macon, Ga.

Hiestand described society members as "violent, emphatic, dedicated anti-Communists" with not more than two per cent possible extremists.

He said criticism of the group by congressmen, other public figures, and newspapers was part of a "pro-Communist smear" and was proof that the society was successful in fighting communism.

He said he could not identify any Communist among those criticizing the society.

SOME DISAGREEMENT

"But they are in the background of the smear," he said.

Hiestand, who conferred with Welch by telephone before talking to newsmen, said he did not agree with the founder's ideas about Eisenhower and Warren.

But, Hiestand continued, Welch's remarks about Eisenhower had "been made several years ago and were taken out of context" by critics of the society.

Some of the remarks in question were made by Welch in a book, "The Politician," which Welch has circulated to a few leaders of the society.

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"To me," he continued, "it would seem to have a better chance of successful achievement than any of the other sound and fine patriotic groups of which I know."

Hiestand said a fellow California Republican, Rep. John Rousselot, was active in the society. Hiestand added he was quite sure other congressmen belong to the organization.

TOTAL NOT KNOWN

In reply to questions, Hiestand said he didn't know how many members or chapters the society had, but he did know the goal was 100,000 members this year.

Hiestand also said the society was not a secret one but the

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The Justice Department spokesman refused to go beyond a brief statement that the society was "a matter of concern." There was no direct comment from Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, brother of the President.

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An FBI spokesman declined to say whether Hoover had the John Birch Society in mind.

Meanwhile, Rep. Gordon H. Scherer, R-Ohio, a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, said that although he did not belong to the John Birch Society, he "looked favorably on this organization."

He gave his view in a letter to Rep. Leslie C. Arends of Illinois, assistant Republican leader of the House, who had asked for information about the society.

"Its membership is composed of conservatives and anti-Communists, and it is a basically pro-American organization," Scherer wrote Arends.

"In Cincinnati (Scherer's home city) many of our outstanding citizens are members of the local chapter."

WELCH CALLED 'LITTLE HITLER'

Democratic Solon Flays Anti-Red Society

By STANLEY MEISLER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-Ohio, Monday called the founder of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society a little Hitler, a Mussolini, a fake patriot and a slick demagogue.

But Young called for no investigation by Congress.

Some cries have arisen in Congress for an investigation of founder Robert Welch, who once described former President Dwight D. Eisenhower as "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

Young, however, told the Senate that Congress is too busy to take time for such an investigation.

Even if there were time, Young continued, "any mercenary demagogue has the right to express opinions, though discredited, unfounded and false."

And, Young concluded, the John Birch Society, like similar organizations in the past, will die "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

But while Young attacked the society on the floor of the Senate, another congressman issued a statement in its defense.

SOCIETY DEFENDED

Rep. John H. Rousselot, R-Calif., said he joined the John Birch Society several months ago "because I believe that, in the main, the society is designed to oppose the Communist threat in a positive, legal and correct way."

"It is basically made up of individual study groups in which the members read about and discuss communism in an effort to understand fully the menace it presents to America," he said.

"As a result of these studies, members write friends and public officials and discuss their thinking on political issues."

Rousselot added, however, that certain quoted statements of Welch did not represent the thinking of the whole society.

And the congressman said he would welcome an investigation of the society—the sooner the better.

Various critics and some friends of the society have urged investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate internal security subcommittee, or the Senate Government Operations Committee.

But the chairmen of all three have indicated they have no plans for any probe of the society.

DOING 'HANDSOMELY'

In his speech, Young said Welch, 61, a retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass., is succeeding handsomely in selling life memberships in his society for a thousand dollars each and raking in thousands of dollars every month in members' dues."

The leaders of the society, Young said, are "right-wing crackpots" who "would undermine the very foundations of American democracy."

"I assert the John Birch Society is a fascist group," Young said. "It is well-larded with right-wing crackpots. It is an ideological abomination, and the self-appointed vigilantes who are its leaders deserve the disdain and scorn of every American who values his democratic heritage."

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DENIES SECRECY

Native Southerner Heads Birch Society

BELMONT, Mass, (AP) — The founder of the John Birch Society-the ultra rightist organization under fire from many quarters-works in a panelled first floor office of a modern colonial red brick building near the business center of this prosperous Boston suburb.

Robert Welch, 61, gray and balding, retired from his vast candy making business in 1957 to devote full time to fighting communism.

His office is big, with wall-to-wall carpeting. His desk is at one end with two side chairs. At the other is a leather divan.

HEAVY MAIL LOAD

One wall is most covered with shelves of books-predominatly anti-Communist, political, and economic. The opposite wall has windows overlooking the loading platform of Belmont's post office, of which the society has become the biggest single patron.

Welch is voluble. He says himself he "will climb on a soapbox to argue against the evils of socialism whenever anybody will listen."

Born in Chowan County, N. C., Welch was educated at the University of North Carolina, went to the U. S. Naval Academy for two years, and Harvard Law School for two. His own biography says he spent 40 years in "the school of hard knocks."

In one of his rare interviews, he insisted his only aim in fostering the John Birch Society is to fight communism, but he answers many questions on the organization by sending for one or another of the society's numerous bulletins, pamphlets, or other publications.

MONTHLY BULLETINS

His regular publications are monthly bulletins sent to society members, and the monthly "American opinion" - subscription $5 a year.

The members get the bulletins, and a copy of the "Blue Book" a 182 page, loose leaf booksized bible of the society, in return for their dues. These are $1,000 for a life membership; $24 a year for men and $12 a year for women.

Welch hotly denies that the society is a secret one, as some of his critics have charged.

But he won't disclose the names of members, expect for a published list of "council" members, who presumably act as an advisory board.

Nor will he say how many members there are -except that the society has 25 "chapters" in Massachusetts, and is "strongest in California, Texas, Arizona and Tennessee."

SMALL CHAPTERS

How big is a chapter?

"We try to keep them to 10 to 20 members, but sometimes they are bigger. We had one in Connecticut that grew to 44 before we got them to split. They have five there now," he said. He did not identify the community.

Welch said the society doesn't want any publicity. But one of his publications urges members to use every means possible to get the society's cause across.

Welch was a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years, and also was a regional vice president of the NAM for three years. He has been active in community affairs as well. He once served on the Belmont School Committee, and in 1950 was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for lieutenant governor of Massachusetts as a Republican.

He is married and has two sons.

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The John Birch Society

Shreveporters will have a chance April 19 to judge for themselves whether The John Birch Society has overstepped its bounds in its fight against Communism.

Robert Welch, the 61-year-old former candy company executive who founded the society in 1958, will speak in the Municipal Auditorium at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. Mr. Welch, who already has denied that he ever called former President Eisenhower a "card-carrying Communist"—an alleged statement for which he has drawn severest criticism—will come here from the organization's headquarters in Belmont, Mass., to deliver an address.

In Shreveport Mr. Welch will find himself with citizens who have been among his staunchest supporters. The John Birch Society has fired the imagination and inspired the allegiance of Shreveporters in all walks of life—dedicated men and women who have recognized and responded to the need for an organization to combat the judicial dictatorship which now threatens to engulf all phases of American life.

The Charleston News and Courier, noting that demands have arisen for investigation of The John Birch Society, expresses the reaction of fair-minded citizens—members or not—in these paragraphs:

"Whether the John Birch Society will be helpful or hurtful in turning back the forces that already have damaged American liberties we are not yet prepared to say. We have reserved editorial judgment on the society. We therefore welcome investigation by the House Un-American

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Activities Committee as proposed by Sen. Kuchel of California. The News and Courier always favors shedding light on public affairs. The fate of our country is the most important item of public business before the American people.

"Rep. L. Mendel Rivers of the First South Carolina Congressional District has presented a strong defense of the John Birch Society. The Congressional Record of March 22 contains a statement by Mr. Rivers, supported by three documents. . .

" 'It is significant,' said Rep. Rivers, 'that although the John Birch Society is more than two years old, it has been almost completely ignored by the press until its recent all-out drive to impeach the Chief Justice.' Now the society has been attacked by Time Magazine and others.

" 'Few of those who scoffed at Southern resistance to the Supreme Court's racial decree of May 17, 1954, realized its full significance,' Mr. Rivers said. He called the decision 'the death knell for the Constitution.' "

Perhaps The John Birch Society's leader has not exercised the best judgment in every statement he has made since the organization was founded. However, most of the organization's followers, including members of Congress, are satisfied that the society is "98 per cent right."

The society is bound to win friends in many areas because of the backgrounds of its attackers. One of the latest critics of the organization is the repugnant "Mr. Sam" Rayburn of Texas, who led the anti-South fight which resulted in the packing of the House rules committee with liberals.

If and when the House Un-American Activities Committee investigates The John Birch Society, chances are it will find that many of the organization's attackers are the same individuals who in recent months have been trying to destroy the committee, itself.

There is one aspect of the pending investigation which will distinguish it from other probes conducted recently by the Un-American Activities Committee: Mr. Welch has promised that none of the John Birch Society members will "take the fifth amendment."

Bring on the investigation!

Specifically Denies Being Nazi—

Welch Defends Birch Society

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) —Robert Welch, founder and leader of the John Birch Society, spoke out in defense of the controversial group Sunday night by saying its long term aim was to halt the "disease of collectivism and the flight to immorality."

Welch, 61, retired candy magnate from Belmont, Mass., specifically denied he was a "Nazi" or had complete control over the members of the national group.

Welch made his statements while appearing as a guest on the half-hour local TV program of Dr. James W. Fifield Jr., a minister of the First Congregational Church. He will appear as guest speaker Tuesday night at the church's Freedom Club in the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium.

Fifield, in introducing Welch, said the Freedom Club speech already is sold out. He praised the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, then turned to Welch and said, "They killed him off. I hope they don't get you."

Welch announced the society's primary effort this year was to stop the Communist conspiracy and "educate as many of our neighbors as possible as to what's happening and why it's happening."

Another aim is to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren, he said.

Welch denied the group was secret or even semi-secret, saying, "all our beliefs are in our publications."

He declined, however, to make public the number of the society's members or their identities.

But Welch promised that none of the members would decline to testify by pleading the Fifth Amendment if they were called before a government investigating committee. He said he would welcome such an investigation.

"I was born a conservative," Welch said. "I got into the fight after World War II . . . I began to find Communist conspiratorial hands under . . . socialism. The more I studied, the more I saw these hands.

"I gave up my job . . . I was forming my thoughts and the conceptions of the John Birch Society came to my mind. I worked for several months on it and held a meeting in 1958, inviting 11 people. At the end of the day they agreed with me and we formed the John Birch Society."

Welch, who arrived in Los Angeles Saturday, will travel to Santa Barbara, Calif., Wednesday to deliver a speech at San Marcos High School. The event will be sponsored by the John Birch Society of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties.

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Robert Welch

Welch Outlines Methods Used By Communists

Birch Society Head Draws 6,000 For Los Angeles Speech

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Robert Welch, head of the controversial, right wing John Birch Society, said Tuesday night the American people and government leaders have been duped into thinking they were fighting communism when in actuality they were playing into the hands of Soviet Russia.

Welch, 61, a retired Belmont, Mass., candy maker, spoke for an hour and a half before an enthusiastic capacity crowd of 6,000 persons who paid a dollar apiece to get into Shrine Auditorium to hear him.

"For years," he said, "we have been taken steadily down the road to communism by steps supposedly designed, and presented to the American people, as ways of fighting communism. The whole foreign-aid program is an excellent example."

Welch outlined what he described as the Communist "principle of reversal" as their main weapon.

"By the 'liberation' of a country, for instance, such as Cuba," he said, "the Communists mean the imposing on Cuba of a tyrannical Communist dictatorship."

(Welch will speak at the Municipal Auditorium in Shreveport Wednesday night, April 19. Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the address.)

Pickets from the local Socialist Party paraded in front of the audi-

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torium before Welch spoke. He did not see them because he entered the auditorium through the stage door around the corner.

Some of the 25 pickets carried placards reading: "Stop the big lie! 1961 by Welch, 1933 by Hitler;" and "Welch a would-be dictator."

In his dissertation on the Communist principle of reversal, Welch mentioned the name of the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and drew prolonged applause from the crowd.

He said:

"It was Joe McCarthy's methods of fighting communism by actually exposing Communists that scared the daylights out of the Communists and made his destruction the most important item on the whole Communist agenda for about two years. So they came up with 'I like what McCarthy is trying to do, but I can't sand his methods.' And they put this brilliant cliche into the mouths and the minds of millions of the American people, who had no idea that they were parroting Communist propaganda."

Welch said the Communists have used the tactic which he described as "conquest by catch-phrase" when it suited their aims.

Welch said the Communists used the catch-phrase technique in their battle against McCarthy: ("I like what McCarthy is trying to do, but I can't stand his methods.) In Roosevelt's election to a third presidential term; ("I can't stand Roosevelt but we must support him because of his foreign policy.") and in the Communist battle to block the late Sen. Robert A. Taft's nomination in 1952. ("I like Taft but he can't win.")

Welch said if Taft had been elected president he "would have set the Communists back a whole generation in their plans for global conquest."

After his formal address Welch stood on the stage for half an hour answering questions from the audience. But he banned any questions from newsmen and refused to hold a press conference.

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JACKSON DAILY NEWS

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The Liberal Double Standard

Suppose the John Birch Society were to attempt to dictate to the Department of Defense what movies it shows to members of the armed forces of this country.

What a stink! What a howl! What a smear would be forthcoming from the leftwingers.

Comes now a report from the ADA World, mouthpiece for the leftfield Americans for Democratic Action. The publication gives front page attention to the fact that its nosey National Vice-Chairman for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Joseph L. Rauh has demanded that Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara revoke a department order for copies of the film "Operation Abolition," news film report on the wild-eyed conduct of Communist-led students against the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco last year.

Isn't the ADA's attempt to censor "Operation Abolition" a violation itself of civil rights and civil liberties?

There is good reason to believe that the Pentagon will get on its knees and obey these radical, self-styled do-gooders on both "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map."

If the ADA decides to abolish "Gone With the Wind" they can probably achieve their goals under the guise of civil rights and stuff and no voice will be raised.

Meanwhile, one can only let his imagination take charge if the John Birch Society had attempted to do the very same thing. Strange world.

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Petitioners Group Endorses John Birch Society

The National Petitioning Committee for Constitutional Government of America, with headquarters at 2524 Regent St., has passed a resolution endorsing the John Birch Society, President Charles S. Martin Jr., said today.

The resolution said the society was "under attack from all the pro-Communist forces," and that the society "has grown to such proportions that it is able to expose and point the finger at communist dangers in this country."

Martin said copies are being sent to all Louisiana congressmen.

"This society is a very conservative and anti-communist organization which merits the support of every American who loves God and believes in the preservation of our Constitution," the resolution stated.

It concluded, the NPCCGA "endorses the John Birch Society and its fight against all smears and attacks upon the society, after having thorough knowledge of this society and its purposes since it was founded."

The resolution was passed by the board of directors Thursday.

The regular meeting of NPCCGA will be at 7:30 p.m. today in Room 114 of the Science Bldg. at Centenary College.

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HOOVER STATES VIEWS ON GROUP

Replies to Query on John Birch Society

A telegram from FBI director J. Edgar Hoover stating his official position regarding the John Birch Society was made public here Thursday.

Hoover's telegram was a reply to a letter from Murray and Marion Bebe of Rolling Hills, Calif., asking Hoover to clarify his position on the society.

Newspaper reports, their letter said, had implied that Hoover had branded the John Birch Society as anti-American, anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic and that he has taken a dim view of the society and has it under surveillance.

In his telegram Hoover said: "The FBI is investigative agency of the federal government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Consequently, neither myself nor any representative (of) this bureau could have made statement to which you have referred."

An Associated Press article out of Washington, D. C., on the John Birch Society was carried in the April 1 edition of The Times-Picayune. In this article, it was reported that "FBI director J. Edgar Hoover published a statement that implied criticism of the society."

The story quoted the following as statements made by Hoover in a signed editorial in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin:

"The job of curbing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast co-operation of every loyal citizen.

"This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action."

The A.P. story reported that an FBI spokesman had declined to say whether Hoover had the John Birch Society in mind.

The John Birch Society was founded in 1958 by Robert H. W. Welch Jr., Belmont, Mass. Welch proclaims the destruction of communism as one of his aims.

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PAUL HARVEY

Don't Need New Organizations

The John Birch Society is presently on the pan. Senator Goldwater doubts that there will be a thorough investigation of this organization because, "Too many members of Congress are members of it, and many who are not have prominent constituents who are."

I know nothing about the organization or its founder. The row, however, points up again the degrees of patriotism which have splintered our forces.

Whenever I hear from some aroused well-meaning somebody demanding to know, "What can I do?" I have always replied, "Influence those near you."

It seems to me we do not need more letterheads, more organizations, more contemporary prophets to do our thinking for us.

We need, desperately, to re-infiltrate the organizations which are in influential position, but whose influence has been diluted because its members are ignorant, apathetic, uninterested — or because they fail to be participants.

"Influence those near you."

This is the technique which has won a hundred million new disciples to Communism every year since the big war. They don't bother to create new organizations, societies. They infiltrate existing ones.

Genuinely patriotic Americans should be militant enough to be willing to do it the hard way. The uphill way. Not by running off, and creating some new club of their own, but by recapturing the old ones.

The American Legion is a splendid example of an organization which has the experience, know-how and ability to exercise tremendous influence over our national affairs and our international relations. But the American Legion is no more vigorous than its membership. The Legion is only as effective as its post-level participants.

The PTA, according to FBI Director Hoover, has been and is a top target for Red infiltration and contamination. Let's recapture that.

Unions, especially the key industries, afford an important forum for any American who is willing to stand up and be counted.

We don't need more organizations. I think, perhaps, we have too many organizations.

What we need is more participations by decent, dedicated, on-the-ball Americans in already established institutions.

A letter to the editor is construed as "unimportant" by most busy Americans. It's axiomatic that "the right people don't write."

The left does, and wields much influence by virtue of this tireless tirade.

Whatever the merits or demerits of the society presently under discussion, it is sad and somewhat frightening that Americans seek so desperately for leadership that they will flock to a lamb's horn, by whomever blown.

Yet if the established organization to which we belong does something not to our liking, we walk out . . . and create a new one, further dissipating our energies and diluting our effectiveness.

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General Relieved; Probe Birch Ties

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army announced today that Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker has been relieved of command of the 24th Infantry Division in Germany pending an investigation of allegations that he gave his troops material about the right-wing John Birch Society.

The Army said Secretary of the Army Elvis J. Stahr has ordered Walker transferred immediately to US Army in Europe headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, "pending the outcome of an official investigation of certain public statements and actions of Gen. Walker.

Although the statement did not mention the Birch society, officials acknowledged that this was the matter involved.

Clarke Probes

The investigation is now being made by Gen. Bruce Clarke, commander-in-chief of Army forces in Europe.

The controversy arose last week when the Overseas Weekly, a privately owned servicemen's newspaper, charged that Walker used Army facilities to disseminate to his troops what it called propaganda of the anti-Communist John Birch Society.

The paper reported that publications and material of the society were distributed among 24th Division soldiers under programs set up by Walker.

Overseas Weekly also said the society's material had been reprinted in the division's weekly newspaper.

For Information

Walker has denied his division's information program is tied with any organization and said it is intended to inform soldiers of "enemies who would destroy us."

Walker also has been reported by the paper as having said at a P-TA meeting in Augsburg that former President Harry S. Truman, former Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt are "definitely pink."

He also was quoted by the paper as saying that 60 per cent of the American press, radio and TV industry is Communist.

Walker issued a statement yesterday using the terms "immoral, unscrupulous, corrupt and destructive" in talking about the Overseas Weekly.

The paper in reply called Walker a foe of freedom of the press.

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Birch Group Head to Talk In Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La. (UPI) —Robert Welch, president of the John Birch Society, will be in Shreveport tomorrow night for a speech before an expected crowd of 3000 persons.

Dallas Wales, Louisiana-Mississippi co-ordinator for the society, announced the Welch speech and said the society is "not witch-hunting Communists."

"Our main job is to educate and inform the public as to what the Communist conspiracy really is and the public will do the rest, Wales said.

Wales would not discuss the size of the society in Louisiana and Mississippi because he said the group's semi-secrecy has helped it to grow since 1958.

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SHREVEPORT 'FERTILE AREA'

Birch Coordinator Says Main Purpose Is to Educate Public

By JIM LESLIE
Member of The Times Staff

The major goals of the John Birch Society are to stamp out communism in the world, defeat the socialist influence and seek a return to constitutional government in the United States, Dallas Wales, Louisiana-Southern Mississippi staff coordinator for the society, declared yesterday in an interview with the Times.

Wales, of Shreveport, said, "We are not witch-hunting for Communists. We feel that our main job is to educate and inform the public as to what the Communist conspiracy really is, and the public will do the rest."

The basic overall objectives of the society, as set forth in the Blue Book authored by the organization's controversial founder, Robert Welch, "is less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Welch, the 61-year-old president of the society, arrives in Shreveport Wednesday morning for a speaking engagement at the Municipal Auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock that night. Welch will discuss communism and socialism in his talk, "Through the Years." Wales said that the engagement may be a sell-out because of advance enthusiasm.

Wales, who is in charge of forming new chapters and supervising the chapters in his area, said that Shreveport has been a fertile area for the society because "there are more people here that are familiar with conservative philosophy." In fact, Wales said Shreveport has been called "the capital of conservatism."

Because of this conservative support, Wales said the local society has "done a little better than the national average of doubling its size every quarter." There has been a John Birch chapter in Shreveport since 1958, he said. Wales would not discuss numbers, however, because of the "semi-secrecy" that covers the organization.

Speaking about the "semi-secrecy," Wales said "it has worked for us so far in that we were able to grow into a strong organization before the liberals realized it. The liberals thought they could ridicule us, discredit us and laugh us off, but now they've discovered that we're a power to be reckoned with."

UP TO INDIVIDUAL

Wales said that another reason for the society's secrecy is that the organization "leaves it up to the individual as to whether or not he wants to say he belongs to the John Birch Society." He said there are numerous other organizations that are much more secret than the society.

Concerning the society's function, Wales said that locally and nationally there is now a threefold program in operation. These are: (1) "We feel that before we can speak out on the issues that face us we must be well informed; therefore we require each member to read at least one good, pro-American book each month.

(2) "The education of others. This is done through public talks and by the showing of various films.

(3) "By combining these two, the society hopes to influence the American people to a return to a constitutional way of thinking, and to pull ourselves out of the deepening morass of collectivism which surrounds us all."

In the Shreveport area, Wales said the society chapters meet at least once a month and that he is making talks as a part of the public education program. Recruiting meetings in which the intentions and objections of the organization are presented also are frequently conducted.

Wales said that the society "normally accepts its members on a personal recommendation from another member."

"We're looking for dedicated people who are willing to do some work," Wales added. In the words of Welch, "We want pullers at the oars, not just passengers on the boat."

About politics, Wales said the society has no political ambitions. "We do not, as a group, support any candidate," he added. He said that the society was split in its vote in the last presidential elec-

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tion, "although the group's general feeling was that there wasn't much choice."

Wales said that other activities carried on in the Shreveport area, and nationally, include the writing of letters to U.S. senators and U.S. representatives asking that they consider and uphold the efforts to impeach Chief U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren.

Another letter-writing campaign was conducted in behalf of the retention of the Connelly amendment, Wales added.

The organization carries on many of its activities behind the scenes and, in some cases, uses front groups. Wales said, however, that no front groups are being used in the Shreveport area.

Wales said that the society's most immediate aim is to fight communism. "We feel that we have been so invaded in our national life at all levels that this creates the most immediate danger," he said. "The Communists themselves have set 1973 as the date for the takeover of the United States, and I'm not going to sit back and wait for it to happen."

RAPPED CRITICS

Wales also took the opportunity to lash out at many of the society's critics, saying, "There are at lot of people who have been making what I call irrational statements about the John Birch Society, which are completely unfounded and not factual. They are speaking from complete ignorance of the facts more often than not, or repeating something which they have heard."

Referring to the radical charge hurled at the society, Wales said, "If believing in the fundamental truths of God, upon which our constitution was based, and that the American free enterprise system of economy is the best ever devised by man can be called a radical, then I'm a radical."

Speaking of the criticism Welch has received about allegedly referring to former President Dwight Eisenhower as a card-carrying Communist, Wales said that the society itself "has never called Eisenhower, Truman, Roosevelt, or Kennedy Communists. It is the opinion of most of the members, however, that they have all in one way or another been duped by Communist influences."

(Society founder Welch has said he made the statement about Eisenhower in a personal letter, not meant to be published. In that letter, he said he believed Eisenhower to be "a dedicated conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy . . ." At another point in the letter, he said: "In my opinion, the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party.")

He said that "Truman was duped in the case of China, Eisenhower in the case of Castro, and now Kennedy in the case of Dr. Jose Miro Cardona, whom the Cuban people don't want."

On another issue, Wales said that there seems to be some question about where the society stands on the integration issue. He said that "being a national organization there are of course many differences of the various members' opinions. The society itself, however, does not take a stand on integration or segregation, but we believe strongly in the Constitution and believe that if we returned to a constitutional basis, then it is up to the individual choice of the various states."

Among stands the society has taken, it has gone on record as being opposed to the United Nations as it is now constituted; opposed to the "foreign give-away" program; and has been one of the leading organizations in the effort to impeach Justice Warren.

"We're not anti-everything," Wales added.

He said that the society had drawn up and circulated a petition asking the retention of the House Un-American Activities Committee when it was under fire; have made known their approval of the practices of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in his battle against communism and have conducted other letter writing campaigns.

BIRCH SOCIETY FOUNDER SPEAKS

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)—Robert Welch, founder of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, made a stop here Wednesday night on his swing through the Southwest.

Welch, a retired Massachusetts manufacturer, addressed a rally and earlier in the day clarified his stand on the segregation issue.

"We are against forced integration, and I underline the word forced," he said. "Integration is all right where the people want it; but as to the integration problem in the schools, it should be left up to the local people."

Welch said he was misquoted in Santa Barbara, Calif., on the segregation issue.

"They quoted me as saying I was opposed to 'forced segregation,' when I was opposed to 'forced integration.'"

The John Birch Society, he said, has two all-Negro chapters, one in the deep South and one in a border state. In some Northern states, he said, chapters have members of both races.

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Race Turmoil Called No. 1 Goal of Reds

By BUDDY THREAT

The race problem is number one on the domestic agenda of the Communist party in the United States, Dr. Medford Evans, ex-college instructor and a member of the controversial John Birch Society said here last night.

Dr. Evans spoke before the first open meeting in the history of the Southwest Louisiana Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute. About 160 persons attended the meeting held in the Pioneer club.

Dr. Evans was brought to Lake Charles by the API following the recent nationwide attention given the Birch Society. He told the audience last night that he was an employe and officer of the society until "a couple of weeks ago." He said he was an organizer in Louisiana and Mississippi for the society and had made several trips to Lake Charles in that capacity.

"The South, as we know it, depends entirely on the institution of segregation. The enduring vitality of the United States of America depends on legal segregation in the South," he said.

Dr. Evans contended that Communists are pointing their attack at lands which are vital to the atomic bomb. These are the South where most atomic materials are manufactured and the Belgian Congo and South Africa where major pools of uranium are found. "Look around the world until you find atomic institutions and you will find Communists and race trouble."

The vital importance of the South to the nation was the central theme of the lengthy speech delivered from notes. Dr. Evans laid down his points in sharp words, much as a college professor to his students.

Later, in a question and answer period, Dr. Evans charged that since Dr. Jose Cardona who is now leader of the Cuban rebels was a part of the original Castro movement, "I have no sympathy for the present movement. There is no reason to suspect that the regime led by Castro's prime minister can be any better (than Castro's)". Military recapture of Cuba is necessary and "I don't think we can leave it up to Cardona."

An open act by the United states is required in Cuba, Dr. Evans said.

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BIRCH SOCIETY SPEAKER—Dr. Medford Evans, left, a member of the controversial John Birch Society talks with Grant Darnell, chairman of the Southwest Louisiana chapter of the American Petroleum Institute, before his speech here last night. Dr. Evans spoke on the South as a Soviet target, warning the group attending the open meeting of the communist threat to the world.

SPEECH HERE

Red Influence Cited By Birch Founder

By BILL GODBREY
Member of The Times Staff

Robert Welch, outspoken leader of the John Birch Society, last night said the Communists have "heavily influenced all major decisions in our government since 1941."

Welch, center of controversy over his ultra-conservative movement, spoke to an estimated 2,000 persons in Municipal Auditorium.

In a conversation, Welch's hour-long talk dealt with what he called the "principle of reversal" in use by the Communists.

This principle, he said, is at work in the Protestant ministry, "because that is almost the last place the ordinary American would expect to find them."

Welch, retired Belmont, Mass., candy manufacturer, said, "The largest single body of Communists in America is in our Protestant clergy . . ."

By way of explanation, Welch said, "Protestant ministers do not become Communists, but Communists become Protestant ministers."

The founder of the society, in Shreveport on a speaking tour of the West and Southwest, accused the press of misquoting him and of "putting completely false statements in my mouth."

He said he was misquoted recently in Santa Barbara, Calif., concerning the society's stand on racial segregation.

Welch said he was misquoted as saying the group was opposed to "forced segregation" when what he actually said was "forced integration."

"They tried to get me on the spot," he said. Welch said he was on a television panel program that was "very tricky."

"I was not among friends," he said.

Welch pointed out at the start of his talk that the society's stand on racial segregation is this:

"We are against forced integration and I underline the word 'forced.' Integration is all right where the people want it, but as

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to the integration problem in the schools, it should be left up to the local people," he said.

He dismissed the furor over written statements he made in the "Politician," which he said started as a personal letter to a friend, as:

"Publication by the newspapers of extracts from this letter involved a serious breach of confidence on the part of a friend, some very unethical journalism and a brazen violation of my property rights."

Welch admitted that in the letter "I expressed some harsh opinions of some men high up in the administration, including the President himself. But in the letter I specifically requested friends receiving it to correct any errors they found.

"I think it would be better for all concerned to let it fade out of the argument—fade out of the picture, and that is what I intend to do as quickly as possible," Welch said.

The Birch leader read a telegram of Medford Evans prior to his talk, pointing out that Evans has been working with the society for the past two years.

The ultimate goal of the society, according to Welch, is a "better world, less government and more responsibility."

In outlining his contention that the Communists use the principle of reversal in their infiltration tactics, Welch said they use the science in semantics in twisting words and phrases for their own purposes.

"Liberation," "Anti-Communists" and "Ways of Fighting Communism" were examples he used in supporting his argument that these slogans and "catch phrases" can be used to defeat legitimate efforts.

Welch said American foreign aid has been a tremendous help to the advance of communism in

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[illegible] by the Communists [illegible] he said.

The Communists will not risk military action against the United States, Welch said. "Our danger remains almost entirely internal."

Welch said, wartime President [illegible] made it clear if he could [illegible] a third term he would bring the United States into the war as soon as possible, there [illegible].

[illegible] was a [illegible] the U.S. into the [illegible] "There were many such [illegible]," he said.

He said the greatest weakness of the Communists in 1940 was the "distrust by the American people of FDR."

In explaining the strength of communism in this country, Welch said the leaders of Communist infiltration are not among the poor or "beatnik," but among the economic, educational and social leaders.

"I can find you a lot more Harvard accepts in Communist circles today than you can find me in overalls," he said.

Municipal Auditorium Manager E. P. Allson estimated the audience at 2,000.

ROBERT WELCH, (right), outspoken founder and president of the national John Birch Society, last night told an estimated 2,000 persons in Municipal Auditorium that all major decisions in our government since 1941 have been "heavily influenced" by Communists. Welch here discusses society activities with Dallas Wales, staff coordinator for Louisiana and Southern Mississippi. (Times Photo by Langston McEachern).

BIRCH SOCIETY PRESIDENT SPEAKS HERE—Robert Welch, retired Massachusetts manufacturer, and president of the John Birch Society, is shown above during an address delivered Wednesday night in Municipal Auditorium. More than 2,000 persons heard the speech which dealt principally with Communist propaganda methods. (Journal Staff Photo by Lawrence Lea)

Welch Exposes Red System Of Propaganda

Birch Society Head Addresses Crowd Of 2,000 at Auditorium

Robert Welch, president of the right-wing John Birch Society, said here last night that Communist propagandists use a "system of reversal" to make millions of Americans unwittingly parrot their propaganda.

Speaking to an audience of more than 2,000 at Municipal Auditorium, Welch said that communism is trying a system of "conquest by catch-phrases" on the American people.

It was due to McCarthy's methods of fighting communism by actually exposing Communists that scared the daylights out of the Communists and made his destruction the most important item on the whole communist agenda for about two years," Welch said. "So they came up with 'I like what

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McCarthy is trying to do but can't stand his methods." And they put this brilliant cliche into the mouths and minds of millions of American people, who have no idea that they were parroting communist propaganda.

Welch said the Communist propaganda machine set out in 1951 to deny the presidential nomination to the late Sen. Robert A. Taft and their catch phrase in that campaign was "I like Taft, but he can't win."

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System of Reversal

He said the American people are being told today that the foreign aid program is designed to halt the spread of communism but that the program had actually helped the spread of communism.

By this principle of reversal, he continued, the Communists frequently take their greatest weakness of danger and convert it into their greatest item of strength in particular circumstances.

He said the Communists "have now reached the point where they can count on just as complete control of the whole United Nations apparatus as they need."

"So the most important remaining task in this connection is to pull the United States more completely into and under the control of the United Nations. And the way to do that, of course, is to convince enough of the American people that the United Nations in general and Dag Hammarskjold in particular are really doing something the Soviets don't want them to do. So, Mr. Khrushchev becomes, for the period necessary to his purpose, the most severe critic of Hammarskjold and of the United Nations that you could imagine."

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Ministry Is Target

The Protestant ministry has been a target for Communists, Welch said. He said that only 3 per cent of the Protestant clergy could be termed "Comsymps" (Communist sympathizers) and "no blame can be attached to the other 97 per cent except for the same gullibility with which Americans as a whole are afflicted."

"The 3 per cent have maneuvered themselves into powerful positions," he added.

Protestant ministers, he said, do not become Communists, but

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Communism is to become Protestant ministers.

He said that while only 2 per cent or one in every 50, government workers could be classed as Communists the reds had succeeded in getting their agents into the highest echelons of government.

Welch drew applause at a number of points, including a statement explaining his position on segregation.

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Integration Stand

He said he was against "forced integration." Welch said that he had been misquoted in Santa Barbara, Calif., as saying that he was against "forced segregation."

"I am against forced integration and I underline the word 'forced,'" he said. "Integration is all right where the people want it but as to the integration problem in the schools it should be left up to the local people."

Welch opened his talk by referring to a letter which he circulated among friends and which reportedly termed then President Eisenhower a Communist.

"The letter," he said, "was originally provoked by what seemed to me to be the double-crossing by the Administration of conservative Republican candidates for both the House and the Senate in the congressional elections in the fall of 1954."

In it, I expressed some harsh opinions of some men high up in the Administration, including the then President himself. But in the letter I specifically requested friends receiving it to correct any errors they found. Also—and this is something the papers have never told you—I stated at the end of the letter that I had no quarrel with those who attributed the actions described in it simply to political opportunism."

The letter, he said, was written before the founding of the John Birch Society, which took place in the fall of 1958. He added that the letter and its contents were specifically disavowed by those present at the founding of the society.

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Introduced by Wales

Welch was introduced by Dallas Wales of Shreveport, staff coordinator for the John Birch Society for Louisiana and Mississippi. He came here by private plane from Houston, Tex., yesterday and was scheduled to leave today in order to speak tonight at Nashville, Tenn.

Welch is a retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer.

At one point in his talk Welch stopped to say something to a man who was moving among the audience and who he supposed was a heckler. However, it turned out that the man was attempting to contact a physician who was a spectator.

Welch to Speak At Auditorium Here Tonight

Birch Society Founder Clarifies Segregation Stand

Robert Welch, president of the John Birch Society who will speak at Municipal Auditorium here at 8 p.m. today clarified his stand on the segregation in a brief interview upon his arrival at the Downtown Airport this afternoon.

Welch said he was against forced integration.

The Massachusetts manufacturer who has become one of the nation's most controversial figures during the past few weeks agreed with newsmen who met him at the airport to answer only the question about segregation.

"When you get into interviews you get into trouble," said Welch, who has said that he has been widely misquoted in the press.

Answers Reporter's Query

"I will answer your question on segregation, however," Welch added. "We are against forced integration and I underline the word forced. Integration is all right where the people want it. But as to the integration problem in the schools, it should be left up to the local people."

Welch said that the John Birch Society has two all-Negro chapters, one in the Deep South and one in a border state. In some Northern states the chapters have members of both races, he said.

In Santa Barbara, Calif., Welch said, he was misquoted on the integration issue.

"They quoted me as saying I was opposed to 'forced segregation' when I said I was opposed to 'forced integration.'"

Tickets for Welch's speech are on sale at Harbuck Sporting Goods Store, 304 Texas St., and at the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are $1.

Speaks in Houston

Welch told a Houston crowd of about 3,000 Tuesday night there are more Communists in the upper classes than in the lower classes.

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"I can find you a lot more Harvard accents in Communist circles in America today than you can find me overalls," he said in a copyrighted speech.

He said the "hungry help" theory about communism is wrong because people in high places, people with money and influential people are Communist sympathizers more often than those of other classes.

While Welch was here the Houston Chronicle obtained a copyrighted interview which the newspaper said is the first published since the John Birch Society became the center of a national controversy.

In the interview Welch said the Birch Society is more than an anti-Communist organization or it would have "fallen to pieces long ago under all this attack."

In his speech, he asserted attacks like those against the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy are good for communism.

He said the phrase, "I like what McCarthy is trying to do but I can't stand his methods," was the type of catch phrase the Communists like.

"McCarthy decided the right way to stop communism is to expose communism," Welch said.

Welch said Communists, in their drive for world domination, pick their weakest spot and bluff until it seems their strongest.

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WELCH SPEAKS AT SHREVEPORT

Cites Red Influence in U.S. Decisions

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)—Robert Welch, [illegible] founder of the controversial John Birch Society, Wednesday night [illegible] the Communists have heavily influenced all major decisions in our government since [illegible].

Welch, center of controversy over the ultraconservative Birch Society, made a one-night stop here on his swing through the southwest. He spoke at Municipal Auditorium.

In a copyrighted speech, Welch dealt with what he called "The Principle of Reversal" being used by the Communists.

This principle, he said, is at work in the Protestant ministry "because that is almost the last place the ordinary American would expect to find [illegible]."

Welch, a retired [illegible] candy manufacturer, [illegible] the largest single body of Communists in America is in our Protestant clergy [illegible].

He has made similar charges in previous speeches.

By way of explanation, Welch said "Protestant ministers do not become Communists, but Communists become Protestant ministers."

The founder of the right-wing Birch Society accused the press of misquoting him and putting "completely false statements in my mouth."

He said he was recently misquoted in Santa Barbara, Calif., concerning the society's stand on racial segregation. He said he was misquoted as saying the group was opposed to forced segregation and he had actually said forced integration.

Welch made the same charges [illegible] when he arrived by plane from Houston [illegible].

He did not [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] Communist [illegible] Castro [illegible].

"I think it would be better for all concerned to let it [illegible] the argument [illegible] out of the [illegible] and that is what I intend to do," [illegible] possible [illegible] written [illegible] about American [illegible] being a Communist [illegible] Eisenhower and other high [illegible] in what he termed a [illegible].

In the interview he declined to comment on any [illegible] the race [illegible] [illegible] the integration problem in the schools "it should be left to the local people."

The John Birch Society, he said, has two all-Negro chapters, one in the Deep South and one in a [illegible] Northern state. In [illegible] Northern states, he said, the chapters [illegible] members of both races.

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Reds Infiltrate Clergy Ranks, Welch Charges

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)—The founder of the right-wing John Birch Society has again charged that Communists have infiltrated the Protestant clergy in the United States.

Robert Welch, retired Massachusetts candy maker who organized the ultra - conservative group, charged in a constitution speech last night that "the largest single body of Communists in America is our Protestant clergy."

Shreveport Stop

Welch made a one-night stop in Shreveport on his speaking tour of the Southwest. He spoke one hour and 45 minutes to a crowd estimated at 2,000.

The speech dealt with what Welch called the "principle of reversal" being used by the Communists. He said the principle is at work among Protestant clergymen "because that is almost the last place the ordinary American would expect to find them."

Welch has made similar charges in previous speeches.

"Protestant ministers do not become Communists, but Communists become Protestant ministers," Welch said.

He also said that Communists have "heavily infiltrated all major decisions in our government since 1941."

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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate for a moment to prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them."

Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Edward Carrington on January 16, 1787

Fighting Communism

The John Birch Society Is Not The Answer

A number of readers have asked about the John Birch Society — an organization in the national limelight because of its announced intention of impeaching United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

It is reported to be a semi-secret society, organized on a nationwide basis with the avowed purpose of "fighting Communism."

The Blue Book of the Birch Society says it is "a monolithic body which will operate under completely authoritative levels at all times." It regards the present republican form of government in the United States as being inefficient in combating Communism and regards democracy in government or organization "as a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perrennial fraud."

The Attorney General of the United States about ten days ago responded to questions about the society by saying he thought it more "humorous" than anything else and that it probably did "more harm than good."

In Mississippi last week the organization was again spotlighted when William T. Clark, a Jackson

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businessman described as head of the John Birch Society of Jackson, spearheaded a campaign to oust the Rev. Edward H. Harrison as rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, because bi-racial meetings had been held at the church.

The same week leaders of the Birch Society convened in Chicago for a three-day meeting held to seek unity among the nation's right wing political groups.

Kent Courtney, chairman of the New Orleans Birch Society Chapter, who sponsored the Chicago meeting of about 125 persons, said his ultimate aim is the establishment of a third political party to encourage stronger conservative representation in government.

"All we want to do," Courtney was reported to have said, "is give the people a clear choice between conservatism and socialism."

A spokesman for the Justice Department said the John Birch Society's activities had become a "matter of concern" to the department.

Meanwhile criticism of the John Birch Society continues to mount in Congress with calls for an investigation of the Society by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security sub-committee and the Senate Government Operations Committee.

Present indications are there may be an investigation by one or more of these government watchdog committees.

Presently this much is known about the highly controversial group:

The founder of the John Birch Society is Robert Welch, 61, wealthy retired candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, a native of Chowan County, North Carolina. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, attended the U. S. Naval Academy for two years and Harvard Law School for two years.

The Society, founded in 1958, was named after John Birch, a Baptist missionary killed by the Communists in China ten days after the close of World War II.

Welch sends out regular monthly bulletins to Society members and the monthly "American Opinion" at $5.00 per year. Members get the bulletins and a copy of the "Blue Book", a 182 page loose leaf "bible" of the Society after they have paid their dues, which are $1,000 for a life membership, $100 a year for men and $12.50 per year for women.

Welch claims the Society is not secret one yet declines to disclose the names of members except for a published list of "council" members, presumably a group that serves as an advisory board. He claims he doesn't want any publicity for the Society yet one of his publications urges members to use every means possible to get the Society's cause across.

Welch didn't sound like a man who shuns publicity last week when he told an audience in Los Angeles that 17,000 American Protestant ministers are Communists or Communist sympathizers.

"Protestant ministers do not become Communists, but Communists do become Protestant ministers," he said. There are about 200,000 ministers, according to Welch, and only 7,000 of them could be called "communists", which he defines as a Communist or a sympathizer with Communist purposes.

"Nobody is accusing the other 97 per cent of anything except the gullibility and apathy with which Americans as a whole are afflicted," Welch was quoted as telling the 6,000 persons assembled in Shrine Auditorium.

Welch is best known for his attack on Dwight D. Eisenhower, an attack he undoubtedly would like to forget. In a book which he wrote for private circulation the founder of the John Birch Society said:

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed

evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Then he added, "In my opinion, the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior boss within the Communist Party. For one thing, he is obviously a great deal smarter."

Welch also contends that Presidents Roosevelt and Truman and Secretary of State Dulles were "being used by the Communists."

At $1,000 a throw Welch has a sweeter racket than making candy, obviously.

But what a pity that in this great land we should have such termites gnawing at the heart of our government!

We would not in any way interfere with the right of Welch or any of his followers to have their opinions and tell the world about them. Frankly, it seems the best thing is to let them talk and write their heads off. In fact, we should make certain their activities are reported to the American people in full. Only by exposure to the white light of publicity can their cause get the attention it needs to be completely and thoroughly discredited. This does not require a congressional investigation — unless they start advocating the overthrow of our government.

J. Edgar Hoover has sounded a warning to the American people about those citizens who contribute to arousing fear and hysteria in the community at the same time they profess to fight communism. He has suggested the average citizen could best serve his country by letting the legally constituted authorities curtail and contain Communism.

Please read that warning printed elsewhere on this page.

This warning is timely and should be heeded.

The John Birch Society should heed it.

There is a need for more unity among the conservatives in this country — but the John Birch Society obviously is not the answer.

We Americans are a pretty gullible people, as Birch said, but we are not THAT GULLIBLE.

Birch Society Head to Speak At Auditorium

Robert Welch, president of the right wing John Birch Society, will speak at Municipal Auditorium at 8 p.m. Wednesday night and Dallas Wales, local coordinator for the society, said he expected a sell-out crowd.

Tickets, which cost $1, are on sale now at Herbuck Sporting Goods Store, 303 Texas St., and at the auditorium. Tickets also will be on sale at the door the night of the speech.

Wales said the program for Welch's appearance has not been completed but he probably will introduce the speaker. Welch will arrive at Greater Shreveport Municipal Airport at 8:11 a.m. Wednesday. He will stay in a private home here.

Welch, who has been the center of a controversy during the past few weeks, will speak on communism and socialism, both of which he violently opposes.

Welch, 61, is a retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer. The John Birch Society takes its name from a Baptist missionary who was killed by the Red Chinese while serving with the U.S. armed forces.

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FIGURE OF CONTROVERSY

John Birch as Student Was Embattled Figure

Editor's Note: Just who was John Birch, the young man whose name is memorialized in a society pledged to fight communism? In the following dispatch, written for United Press International, a reporter for the Macon News of Macon, Ga., where John Birch's parents still live and where John Birch went to school, looks into Birch's youth. The dispatch deals largely with the Mercer university heresy trials in which John Birch was a prominent figure.

By GEORGE A. DOSS JR.

MACON, Ga. (UPI)—John Morrison Birch, as a ministerial student here 22 years ago, was a holder of extremely controversial views just as the ultraconservative society bearing his name is today.

Birch, then not quite 21, was leader of a secret fellowship group of 13 "fundamentalist" students who sought to purge Mercer university of five faculty members. The students charged the professors with teaching heretical doctrines on the Baptist campus.

JOHN M. BIRCH

The faculty members were cleared at a hearing before members of the board of trustees. Police escorted Birch and his fellow fundamentalists from the campus the night of March 30, 1939, for their own safety.

Never Met Welch

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch society in 1958, did not know John Birch in 1939 or at any time prior to his death at the hands of Chinese Communist guerillas in 1945, 10 days after V-J Day.

If Welch was aware of Birch-inspired charges against the Mercer faculty members and the subsequent hearing, he did not mention it in his book, "The Life of John Birch," published in 1954. He reported only that Birch received his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude in 1939 and went on to the Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., to prepare himself to go to China as a missionary in 1940.

Nonetheless, a similarity exists between the charges by Welch that some Protestant clergymen and such prominent persons as former President Eisenhower and Chief Justice Earl Warren are Communists or their dupes and accusations by Birch's student group that "all denominational institutions are reeking with heresy."

Congress Report

Welch says he first heard of Birch while reading a congressional committee hearing report dealing with his death. He says Birch was the first uniformed American casualty of World War III, that he was killed by the Communists "at the first opportunity after the war because of the powerful resistance he would have been able to inspire against them."

Birch's mother, Mrs. George S. Birch of Macon, said in an interview as long ago as 1950 that she believed her son gave his life in an effort to warn Americans of the danger from Communists, and that his warning was deliberately kept from the public by government censorship.

Mr. and Mrs. Birch, themselves missionaries in India where John was born in 1918 and for two and a half years thereafter, traveled about the country for several years after the war in their efforts to learn the facts about their son's death.

Three former Army intelligence officers who served with Birch or investigated his death have agreed in recent statements that he was killed when he tried to bluff his way out of a difficult situation while on a mission in Communist-held territory. They differ as to whether Birch, a missionary turned OSS captain, died a hero.

Birch was not generally regarded a hero by the Mercer university student body at the time of the heresy trial he inspired. One of the placards displayed on the campus at the time read, "Lynch Saint Birch."

One member of the Birch "fundamentalist" group was rescued from a crowd of students, including football players, by Dr. Josiah Crudup, one of the faculty members the Birch group accused and now president of Brenau college, Gainesville, Ga. The car in which they left the campus was stoned. Another associate of Birch was escorted to police headquarters for his safety and appealed for protection of his home during the night.

Mercer Attack

According to Dr. Spright Dowell, Mercer president emeritus who was head of the institution at the time, the heresy attack was aimed primarily at Dr. John D. Freeman. Freeman, the 75-year-old head of the Christianity department, was,

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in the words of the committee which investigated the charges, a man who "for 50 years . . . has been a Baptist preacher and teacher, a man greatly beloved, a leader among the Baptists of the world and one who through the years has been regarded as a conservative in his theology."

Dr. Dowell noted in his book, "A History of Mercer university," published in 1958, that only three of the complaining students were in classes taught by Dr. Freeman. "Twenty of their classmates resented the attack and voluntarily stated . . . that Dr. Freeman's teaching was 'doctrinally sound, spiritually sane and genuinely Christian.' "

Doctor Resigned

Dr. Freeman resigned shortly after the heresy trials and died in 1943.

Birch and his 12 associates, a fundamentalist minority among approximately 60 ministerial students charged the professors with saying, among other things, "There were no such persons as Adam and Eve"; "You do not have to believe in Jesus Christ to be saved"; "The Bible contradicts itself"; "It was not necessary for Christ to die to free man from sin," and "The Bible was not divinely inspired."

The Mercer student newspaper urged editorially the dismissal of the accusing students. A petition advocating expulsion was circulated. George Burt, now editor of the Louisville, Ky., Times, said in an editorial in the Macon News, ". . . it is the attitude of refusal to open their minds to the very things they are attending school to learn that makes the case of the 13 seem so hopeless, so disgraceful and so tragic. . . . They have decided that they know all there is to know about it, and that therefore anything they don't know about is heresy."

Was Satisfied

Birch apparently was satisfied with his campaign against the faculty members. He listed on an alumni form which he filled at Mercer after graduation as one of his accomplishments as a student his campaign against "modern" teachings by members of the faculty.

A former classmate had this to say of Birch: "He and I were good friends, but I never agreed with him. He was brilliant, but very radical in his thinking."

"I remember him as a very earnest and intense young man, not entirely without a sense of humor, but a very serious type," says Dr. Otis D. Knight, dean of graduate studies and professor of psychology at Mercer. Dr. Knight is one of the few remaining faculty members who was teaching at Mercer when Birch was a student there.

Few Clothes

His classmate and friend said Birch was poor and had few clothes, as did he, but that Birch thought little or nothing about his personal appearance.

Before he left Mercer, Birch became a follower of Dr. J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth, according to his friend. Welch noted in his book that Birch had been accepted by Norris' World Fundamental Baptist Missionary fellowship to go to China but the biography never mentioned Norris. Norris had just founded the seminary which Birch attended in Fort Worth and, according to Welch, a building there was later named for Birch.

Early in World War II Birch tried to join the Army as a chaplain but he may have had difficulty because the seminary he attended was not fully recognized. His knowledge of the Chinese language and his associations with the people in Central China through his missionary work enabled him to aid Gen. James H. Doolittle and his fliers to escape after their raid on Japan and after this he soon was commissioned in the Army. He won the Legion of Merit and an Oak Leaf Cluster, as well as Chinese decorations.

Agree with Society

Mrs. Birch, who talks freely about her late son and says she and her husband are "heartily in accord" with the purposes of the John Birch Society, is secretive about local activities of the group. She says she and Mr. Birch were made "life members of the home chapter" by Welch soon after the Birch society was founded and she said they are proud for it to bear their son's name.

"Of course, a mother appreciates the qualities of her son, who was martyred for his country," Mrs. Birch said in praising Welch's biography of her son. "He has gotten the spirit of what John stood for and what he was and we do appreciate it."

Mrs. Birch, a large, buxom woman, and her husband, slender and slightly bent, are familiar figures at public meetings in Macon where they frequently go to protest. Ardent prohibitionists, they have opposed various alcoholic beverage license applications before Bibb county commissioners. They won a running dispute with the county authorities through persistent effort several years ago over title to an abandoned county road through their property after a new highway was opened.

Opposed Highway

At a public hearing on the interstate highway route through Macon, Mrs. Birch spoke in opposition. And in 1960 she and her husband attended a series of meetings to oppose a merger of Macon and Bibb county governments, which they said was inspired by the Communists and which was defeated. They questioned candidates about their favorite causes at a series of meetings in various parts of the county before the 1960 Democratic primary.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Birch are frequent writers of letters to local editors, Mr. Birch recently wrote one to the Macon Telegraph asking, "Why do you throw your weight on the side of the Communists and the National Council of Churches" by continuing to "refer to the documented film 'Operation Abolition' as controversial." The editor noted that Birch's logic "would be amusing if it were not symptomatic of an unfair and dangerous technique" and said he went on in the letter "to establish that the film is, indeed, controversial" by citing denunciation of it by the National Council of Churches.

Senator Asks Probe Of Birch Group Aims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.) wants a Senate probe of whether the John Birch Society is resorting to "harassment, intimidation and economic blackmail" against its critics.

But Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) says he doesn't think the Senate internal security subcommittee should furnish "a publicity forum for those who desire to be investigated and wish to publicize their aims and purposes."

Cotton, a subcommittee member, told a reporter he doubted the internal security unit had jurisdiction and saw no reason at this time for any investigation of the militantly conservative organization.

The subcommittee is studying whether it has jurisdiction to probe the society founded by Robert Welch, retired Belmont, Mass., candy manufacturer. Welch has requested an investigation.

AFFAIRS OF STATE

By CHARLES M. HILLS

CAP'N TOM

One of the most colorful politicians of the Delta, Captain Tom L. Gibson, legislator from Coahoma county, handed us a statement at the Citizens Council Centennial Celebration here the other night.

Says Legislator Gibson:

"The other day I heard Bob Snowden, that very active and able statesman, going in to some of the details of the reaction of Attorney General Kennedy, the president's brother, to the John Birch Society. It would have made you want to shoot some one.

"It is the responsibility of the U. S. Atty. General to investigate charges made by responsible organizations, where the safety of our nation is concerned, but not Kennedy. Very serious charges were brought to his attention by some of the most responsible men in the nation, who knew the actual circumstances, but Kennedy went on the air and ridiculed all of the charges.

"He said none of them were true. That the John Birch Society was an aggregation of morons. In trying to tear to parts the efforts and findings of this patriotic group of citizens he gave full support to the Communists.

"We are reminded of the time when Roosevelt laughed at those who brought charges against Harry Dexter White, one of Russia's most trusted agents, or of the time when Truman was told about Hiss and he laughed at the accusation and gave the reports to the news world of Red Herring. Or when Eisenhower was told of communism in the innermost administration and his reaction was to invite KHRUSHCHEV over here and wine and dine him.

"I thought of the information given by J. E. Hoover of the FBI, "It is appalling that members of our society continue to deplore and criticize those who stress the Communistic danger."

"Is Mr. Kennedy the calibre of a man we should have as the U. S. Attorney General? It doubtful.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

John Birch Society Would Welcome Investigation, Memphis Man Writes

State Times,

In the interest of fairness please print this open letter which I have directed to Robert F. Kennedy, attorney general, Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Attorney General of the United States, whose responsibility is the defense of the security of this nation, should throw the weight of his office behind any organization of patriotic citizens whose major purpose is to defend this country against Communism. Such an organization is the John Birch Society.

But last week we were treated to your opinion on a national TV hookup, openly smearing the Society as "ridiculous," "humorous," and "a hindrance." In doing this, you have joined up with the Left-Wing Establishment to do all in your power to destroy the one best organization (up to this date) whose growing membership is making such real progress. The Left Wingers are now feeling the pinch and they are squirming.

There can be little gain in ridiculing an organization whose devoted members are working strenuously under their serious slogan, 'Less Government, More Responsibility, and a Better World."

As Attorney General, it migh profit you to learn from the tragic mistakes of preceding administrations:

Would we not today have a better world, or at least a safer world, if Franklin Roosvelt hadn't laughed off the information he received from the FBI about Harry Dexter White who led the planning for the destruction of this nation? White's Communist record, according to the FBI, was indisputable and terrifying.

And would we not today have a safer world had not Harry Truman, again disregarding all FBI warnings, successfully ridiculed as "red herrings" the wrecking crew which went along with Alger Hiss and his Communist planners and plotters?

Khrushchev Wined Here

And would we not have a safer world today if Dwight Eisenhower had thrown out the subversives in the State Department and the Pentagon (as he was elected to do) and had handled the Communist threat with realistic force rather than with the futility of appeasement, such as his personal invitation to Khrushchev who was wined and dined in this country as if he were a fine Christian gentleman?

This is not a laughing matter any more. It's deadly serious and the very survival of this nation is at stake. The John Birch Society would never have become necessary if our elected leaders had defended American interest in these crises.

The John Birch Society is the most American thing in America today. It can best be likened to the New England farmers who came to the defense of their country at Concord and Lexington.

The John Birch Society is not fascist in its makeup. Its membership is not compulsory and any member can drop out at any time. The John Birch Society would welcome an official investigation. Its members as witnesses would automatically guarantee not to hide behind the First Amendment or the Fifth Amendment.

Let's have that investigation, Mr. Attorney General, and, when you find you are not dealing with fascists or subversives or professional trouble-makers, let's have a strong, determined anti-Communist attitude in our present government by the House of Kennedy whose built-in Catholicism should make an anti-Communist position not only easy, but natural, and most important.

Sincerely,
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Memphis 3, Tennessee

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Backing into Birch Inquiry

Rep. Hiestand, himself a member of the John Birch Society, has introduced a resolution calling for investigation, by a select House committee, of its policies, principles and activities; Rep. Alford, of Little Rock, where Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker presided willy-nilly in the bayonet control of a public school, has risen strongly to the general's defense in connection with his use of society material in military indoctrination and his abrupt deposition from command pending "investigation."

Though Gen. Walker has now been made deputy chief of staff for operations at the Army's European headquarters, it was this abruptness, signifying something perhaps prima facie wrong about the society, its material, or both, that had led to belief things have got out of hand even in the highest places concerning this vague issue.

Is this society by any manner of interpretation representing some strong foreign power or conspiracy, some totalitarian ideology? Is it promoting the idea of dictatorship in this country; or open or devious rebellion and overthrow; or principles of cruelty, tyranny, slaughter and atheism alien to most American sensitivities?

In the utter absence of charges to this effect, a sensible ground for congressional "investigation" (though the society itself has welcomed an inquiry) has seemed lacking; indeed, its opponents have intimated as much. But now that a reputable Army general has been put sharply and humiliatingly on the defensive for reasons connected with the society, some real need has arisen for getting to the gist of the controversy, even if by a sort of back-handed approach.

It is well known the society is mainly anti-Communist. To some so-called liberals, this automatically may make it "fascist." To some conservatives (ignoring the crackpot cliches of the extremist), some of its imputations and side-objectives; some of the utterances past or current of its leadership, have seemed not only unconservative but foolish — and disappointingly so.

But the real point is: What has been or is so sinister, distorted, out-of-line, intolerable about the society, and specifically about the material or "propaganda" or whatnot made available to 24th Division troops, as to put tar on the character or judgment of Gen Walker? Some kind of official spell-out free of bias, nervousness or push-button panic seems definitely needed.

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Birch Bulletins

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

Great concern is rightfully being felt because of the criticism of Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker for "subjecting his troops to propaganda from the John Birch Society."

The large number of our troops defecting to the Communists after the Korean war is a matter of record, and the reason therefor has been laid to the fact that these soldiers knew so little about the founding of their country, its principles, and why they were fighting. Now, it seems obvious that Gen. Walker has tried to correct this abhorrent situation by giving appropriate reading material to his troops, and his patriotic action has resulted in his being censured. This, together with cases of which I personally know, in which high naval officers have been prevented from speaking out against communism, makes one wonder. . . .

I have seen the John Birch Society bulletins, and they are first and foremost anti - Communist, and written with the purpose of warning our people of their enemy. The charges of "fascist" and "subversive" are ridiculous, but perfectly comprehensible to those who have studied the methods of Communist propaganda — the destruction of anti-Communists being one of the avowed objectives for 1961. The principles of the John Birch Society are the very antithesis of fascism.

E. B. W.

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GENERAL WALKER'S POSITION DEFENDED

Editor,
Shreveport Journal,

Please send a one-month subscription to Leo Kennedy, Edina, Mo. People in the North sure have got to be awakened to what is going on in this world today and there isn't a better way to do it than by true journalism. There is no better newspaper than The Journal in the U.S.A. to bring the facts to the people.

Had a letter from Overton Brooks, M.C., stating acknowledgment of our letter in support of General Walker and Mr. Welch of the John Birch Society. He states, "I want your views on General Walker to receive full consideration and with this thought in mind I am presenting your comments to the Department of the Army, urging most careful consideration of your statements."

We stated to leave General Walker as is, as he is doing a fine job and so is Mr. Welch. We need more honest-to-goodness men like them to clean up this mess we are in. I sure am for any organization that stands up for the U.S.A. and the free peoples. We need leaders who look to God for the answers to our problems.

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REPORT NEGROES IN JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

SHREVEPORT, La. (ANP) — Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch society said here last week that his position in racial integration has been misunderstood and that his society not only has a number of Negro members, but two all-Negro chapters.

Welch, a retired Massachusetts manufacturer, addressed a rally and earlier in the day clarified his stand on the segregation issue.

"We are against forced integration, and I underline the word forced," he said.

"Integration is all right where the people want it; but as to the integration problem in the schools, it should be left up to the local people."

Welch said he was misquoted in Santa Barbara, Calif., on the segregation issue.

"They quoted me as saying I was opposed to 'forced segregation,' when I was opposed to 'forced integration.'"

The John Birch Society, he said, has two all-Negro chapters, one in the deep South and one in a border state.

In some Northern states, he said, chapters have members of both races.

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Let John Birchers Alone

The John Birch society, a right-wing political organization, has been in the news locally of late. There are, we understand, four chapters operative in Lake Charles, and the local chapter of the American Petroleum institute recently had a prominent Louisiana John Bircher as its chief speaker. In fact, the society might be in the news even more, since it is reported that a few local citizens are thinking of organizing an anti-John Birch movement.

Elsewhere, there are those who advocate that the organization be investigated by the FBI, or by Congress, or that it be banned.

It seems to us that perhaps some people are taking the John Birch society and its founder, Robert Welch, too seriously, just as some people took the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, a Birch society hero, a bit too seriously.

We would like to be placed on record as having a low opinion of the society. We find its political philosophy puerile, its methods abhorrent and its emotional appeal distasteful. We think it could become a dangerous menace to society, if people began to take it seriously, but as it is now constituted, it is not dangerous.

The John Birch society sets itself up as being anti-Communist, and few can quarrel with that. At least 99 per cent of the American people are also anti-Communist, so we do not think that in itself calls for any praise to be paid to the John Birch society.

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Our personal opinion is that the society, like any other political organization, will lose its impact as it gains members. We think its founder, Robert Welch, has already shown the way in that direction. Early in his campaign, Welch said the ex-President Eisenhower was either a Communist, or a willing tool of Communism. Since then, he has said that he wished people would forget he said that, and the he was willing to withdraw it.

Earlier in the month, Welch was quoted in California as being opposed to segregation. Later, in Shreveport, he was quoted as being opposed to integration. It seems to us he is showing a willingness to bend with the political breeze.

In the South, and in Louisiana in particular, the society appeals to the segregationist, because one of the society's aims is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren. Welch says the reason is that too many of Warren's decisions have aided Communists, but Southern members say the reason is because of the Warren court's school desegregation decision of 1954. Here again, we think the society is accomdating itself to local views.

Just because we have a low opinion of the society, however, doesn't mean that we advocate that it be investigated or banned, or that its members be harrassed.

As far as we know, the John Birch society as such has broken no laws. If people want to organize themselves into such societies, it is their right, and we do not think they deserve to be investigated, or banned, just because they are members.

By the same token, if others want to organize into anti-John Birch societies, that is their right, too. We think the real danger to American society is not in a multitude of such societies, but in a growing demand for conformity. If the John Birch society demanded that everyone join it, we would be opposed. And if anti-John Birch societies demanded that everyone join THEM, we'd be opposed to THAT, too.

The strength of this country lies in its enormous diversity, and in the many gifts which its diverse peoples can offer. We think real freedom implies the freedom to be different from the crowd, and not to suffer for it. This applies to the realm of ideas as well as to the realm of personal inclination.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes probably said it as well as it was ever said in his dissent in the Abrams case in 1920:

"When men have realized that time has upset many fighting faiths, they may come to believe even more than they believe the very foundations of their own conduct that the ultimate good desired is better reached by free trade in ideas — that the best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market . . ."

There is room in this country for both the John Birchers and Chief Justice Warren.

LOSS OF U.S. PRESTIGE BLAMED ON INTERNAL CRISES

Editor,
Shreveport Journal.

All of us have, no doubt, heard a considerable amount of propaganda about America (the U. S.) losing its prestige abroad. Whether this hazy observation is true or not, John Kennedy was quick to capitalize on the issue by creating a near state of panic in the nation.

Since the recent presidential election Kennedy has set out wholeheartedly to fulfill his campaign promises directed primarily toward raping the South and playing a coward's role in handling foreign affairs. In the course of events what has happened? During Kennedy's preoccupation in assuming dictatorial powers over the sovereign states we have lost prestige abroad by virtue of Kennedy's immature and stupid blunders in coping with issues that really are of the utmost importance.

Russia has used Kennedy's weak-minded convictions to make the U. S. look ridiculous in everything she does. In the Congo, in Laos and in Cuba we have been made to appear to the world as a wind-jamming coward. Ten years ago Russia wouldn't dare act as she is acting now.

We are doing just what Russia has planned. Feuding among ourselves and spending countless millions for enforcing civil action upon the several states which should not be within the realm of federal jurisdiction in the first place, and creating dangerous friction internally to further assure a Russian victory. All of these millions would be much better utilized in scientific research which Kennedy claims is under-financed. And no doubt it is! Is there any wonder?

Why is it more important for the federal government to finance internal friction and disorder than to finance peace and harmony by working toward a common objective? Just look at the millions of dollars spent each year to flog the South: court costs, policing, propaganda, civil service employes and many other expensive items, not even to mention tax deductions for contributions to communistic-inclined organizations such as the NAACP.

I don't know what the grand total of this expense would come to but I can well imagine that it is monstrous, a sum which could probably double or even triple the appropriations for our missile program which is sorely in need of additional monies.

Then, too, such intolerable ignorance on the part of Kennedy's administration nourishes the need for such organizations as the John Birch Society, the Ku Klux Klan and many others which brother Bob has labeled "ridiculous" and a few more billions are spent to fight off the onslaught of these organizations. As W. D. Workman stated, America does deserve more than a casual dismissal as "ridiculous" when its citizens find it necessary to band together giving their time, effort and money in what they consider to be a cause for America.

Can we afford to dismiss the John Birch Society as "ridiculous" when we look about and see Communism spreading beyond even the expectations of Khrushchev himself? Why shouldn't these people be alamed? The results are becoming more obvious every day and the Communists are becoming even bolder within our own country, operating more and more in the open and growing in number at a frightening pace.

The diagnosis of world unrest is, or by now should be, quite obvious. Communism is a cancer to world peace and like all other cancers it must be completely cut out or otherwise eliminated before it destroys the carcass upon which it grows. If we ignore this cancer for even a short length of time then the battle is lost and we must yield to its demands.

JAMES K. TINSLEY,
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sirs:

In our school we are studying "Communism vs Americanism." We would like to know what information you have on the John Birch Society. We would like to know who founded it, the purpose of it, and who sponsors it.

Please send us this important information as soon as possible, since our school closes in a few weeks.

Thank you for your time and trouble. Please send the material to this address: [redacted] b6 b7C
Elizabeth High School, Elizabeth, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

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1000 Masonic Temple Building
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Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your letter dated May 5, 1961.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

W. W. BROWELL
Special Agent in Charge

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ENCLOSES LETTER
TO SENATOR MILTON YOUNG

Editor,
Shreveport Journal.

Enclosed you will find $1.25 for a one-month subscription to The Journal. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter which I sent to Sen. Milton R. Young. I thought that perhaps your other readers might be interested in reading.

WILLIAM P. DUNN,
279 Richton,
Highland Park, Mich.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The letter to Senator Young follows, in part:

Hon. Milton R. Young
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Young:

In the Congressional Record Volume 107, No. 61, page 5267, you mention viewing a lot of mail condemning you for being opposed to the John Birch Society.

Well, sir, I am a member of the John Birch Society and am proud of it, and it disturbs me very much to think that we, the citizens of the United States, have representatives and senators in our government who are not living up to their oath of office "TO DEFEND THIS COUNTRY FROM ENEMIES, FOREIGN and DOMESTIC." We have Communists in our government in spite of all the chatter that you, Senator Dodd, Senator Kuchel and Senator Young of Ohio, may have entered in the Congressional Record to the contrary.

I would like to remark, it seems strange to me that the same people who want the John Birch Society investigated also want to do away with the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Since Roosevelt planned and got US into war with Japan, I no longer trust any politician with the future safety of our country, including you and those of your associates who are very vocal attacking a man, Robert Welch, and an organization, the John Birch Society, which are awakening the citizens of this country to the facts of life, the fact that we have been sold down the Volga by politicians. . .

I dare you. I challenge you to have an open to the public investigation and have it broadcast live on the spot via TV., of the John Birch Society. . .

WILLIAM P. DUNN

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By TOM ETHRIDGE

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY: IS IT GOOD OR BAD?

Understand, please, this writer is not a member of the John Birch Society, which has recently been the subject of nationwide controversy.

We do not pretend to know all about this organization, nor do we deny that it may have faults. For that matter, no human agency is perfect.

Still, judging by its objectives and the kind of people who are condemning it, the John Birch Society appears to have considerable merit.

Its basic purpose is to fight Communism wherever it may exist in government, schools, churches and other areas of American life. Surely this is a commendable aim.

WOULD OUST WARREN

The Society's leadership has expressed opposition to compulsory race-mixing and is actively working for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren and other judicial misfits. It also opposes world government, welfare state regimentation and spending this country into bankruptcy to please foreign bloodsuckers.

Prominent among the forces seeking to discredit the John Birch Society are many who are hostile to our Southern Way. These include Hubert Humphrey, Jakie Javits, Eleanor and Jimmy Roosevelt, Bobby Kennedy, the leftwing press-television-radio gang, pinko pulpit pounders, the One World lunatic fringe, assorted oddballs and crackpots and, of course, the Communist apparatus itself.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

The anti-Birch brigade naturally includes those who favor abolishing the House Un-American Activities Committee, muzzling Senator Eastland's Internal Security Subcommittee, appeasing Russia, recognizing Red China and suppressing anti-Communist films such as "Operation Abolition."

Much of the outcry against the Society stems from a haunting fear by "liberals" that American conservatives will form an effective organization and sweep today's phony "liberalism" out of power and influence.

So "liberal" forces now in the saddle are trying hard to make "conservative" a dirty word and the voicing of conservative views a crime. These forces usually throw cold water on any serious effort to expose domestic subversion, yet they have raised a frantic clamor for Congress to investigate the John Birch movement.

READY TO TESTIFY

Refreshingly enough, the Society's officials welcome an investigation. They offer to go to Washington and answer any questions—at a time when so many persons quickly hide behind the Fifth Amendment if asked about their activities and associations.

The Society is named after John Birch who was a former American missionary to China. World War II came and he joined U.S. forces there as an intelligence officer. When Chinese Communists began rising to power in 1945, Birch was brutally murdered by his Red captors.

Facts of his death were suppressed allegedly at the insistence of appeasement-minded leaders in our State Department who were promoting the false idea that Chinese Reds were merely peace-loving social reformers trying to establish a democracy friendly to America.

MEMBERS IN 50 STATES

Robert Welch Jr., Massachusetts businessman, was a friend of John Birch and founded the Society to expose and combat Communism. Embittered by official suppression of the truth about Birch's murder, Welch made some intemperate statements about Truman, Eisenhower and several other leaders. (Welch spoke only for himself, not the entire organization.)

His rash comments have provided the main basis for attacks on the entire Society. It has also been criticized for direct, hard-hitting methods but after all, Communism can't be defeated with powder puffs, platitudes, politeness, parleys and pussyfooting—even if some of our national leaders do seem to think so.

The Society reportedly has chapters in the majority of states and members in all 50. If its membership rolls are secret, so are those of the Party — with the Supreme Court's blessing.

Since many Red-front groups operate in this country with the Earl Warren Court's approval, why shouldn't the John Birch Society be allowed to enjoy the same constitutional rights so freely granted to Communist sneaks and their stooges?

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INVITE PROBE OF BIRCH SOCIETY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two congressional members of the John Birch Society asked the House rules committee today to approve an investigation to "clear the air" about the organization.

Reps. Edgar W. Hiestand and John H. Rousselot, California Republicans, said a special investigation should be made to determine the validity of "distorted statements, half-truths and innuendoes" about the militant anti-Communist group.

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SAYS PACIFIST VIEWS SEEM MORE WELCOME FOR TROOPS

Editor,
Shreveport Journal.

The word is naughty, naughty in the GREAT PENTAGON, so it seems. The sins committed by one patriotic major general. Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, on the basis of the Korean War, has been in command of the Army's 24th Division: a combat unit deployed in Germany in the front line of defense against the enemy. An unimportant, privately-owned weekly newspaper, distributed among U.S. troops in Europe, "accused" Gen. Walker of being favorably disposed toward the John Birch Society. The major items of specific proof were (1) the presence of American Opinion, the magazine published by John Birch founder Robert Welch, among periodicals displayed on reading tables; (2) Gen. Walker's designation of an indoctrination program as the "pro-blue campaign" (the Birch Society's programmatic document is called "the Blue Book"—ergo, etc. . . .)

The U.S. domestic press, led by the New York Times, blew the charges up into daily front-page headlines. Within a week, without prior investigation, the Pentagon responded: by suspending General Walker from his combat command, and ordering him transferred to a meaningless administrative post at Army headquarters in Heidelberg.

There is no recorded instance when any commanding officer has been transferred, before or after investigation, because copies of Saturday Review or The Nation were seen, as they can sometimes be seen, on the reading tables of their units. The Pentagon must judge that Saturday Review's pacifist propaganda for nuclear disarmament and The Nation's pro-Soviet fellow-traveling are better medicine for strengthening the guts of combat troops than American Opinion's occasionally confused but always passionately felt anti-communism. Yours for God and our children,

HARRY E. HILL JR.
P. O. Box 184,
Oil City, La.

LOOKS TO BIRCH SOCIETY TO CONTEND WITH KENNEDYS

Editor,
Shreveport Journal.

I appreciate very much the fine articles written for your paper by Dr. Medford Evans. His writings contribute more power to the wonderful prestige The Journal has established over the nation.

The Two-Brother act now going on in Washington would be laughable if it were not so realistically tragic to our beloved country. We have sent our men to wars to preserve the very freedom that we hold so dear, only to have the centralized Washington government retreat from our enemies, all the while loading us with socialistic laws, which are unconstitutional and knowingly or unknowingly giving strength to the enemy.

The Brothers Two, not quite dry behind the ears, remind me of what an experienced dean of law once said of a young lawyer: "He is a good example of voluble ignorance."

Young Robert better do his laughing now, for the John Birch Society has patriots of ability and strength in its organization and saving our glorious heritage is not YET punishable by death.

J. STEWART SLACK,
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'JUST ORDINARY GROUP'

Jackson Leader Of John Birch Society Reveals Objectives

By BERRY REECE
United Press International

One of Mississippi's leaders in the John Birch Society says, "we are just an ordinary group of folks."

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Kicking Back

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

From the memoirs of the late Clair Lee Chennault one can learn of the courageous John Birch. "Capt. John Birch, Georgia Baptist, had been a missionary in Hangchow and was led into Chennault's fold by Jimmie Doolittle. Birch was the pioneer of the field intelligence net. Until the Doolittle raiders began dropping out of the dark China nights, Birch was organizing a new chain of missions in Chekiang province to replace those lost when the Japanese interned Americans in Hangchow.

"By the time Birch was rounding up the Doolittle raiders, the Japanese were burning his new mission, so Birch laid aside his Bible and took up the sword for the duration. It was while pressing north from his northern base of operations to reach allied personnel in a Japanese prison camp that Birch was shot and killed by Chinese Communist troops near Hangchow. He died exactly 10 days after the Japanese whom he had fought so long and valiantly surrendered."

These are only fragments from the life of John Birch, after whom the John Birch Society has been named. Its members I am sure are attempting each in his small way to carry on a fight against communism. In spite of false propaganda and a black eye from top officials, the strength of this society will, I pray, help it to go forward and succeed in its sincere endeavors. . . .

HELEN THAYER.

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ALLEN-SCOTT REPORT

Probe Of Birch Society Too Hot For Lawmakers

By ROBERT S. ALLEN and PAUL SCOTT

WASHINGTON—To be or not to be is the question—that both Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress are uneasily pondering about investigating the widely controversial John Birch Society.

There is considerable backstage bipartisan sentiment in the Senate and House for such a probe. The thorny problem is who is to make it and how.

As one nationally - known lawmaker remarked drily, "This is one cat a lot of us would like to bell. We feel this is an organization that should be thoroughly ired, particularly how it's financed and operates. But we till haven't decided how that elling is to be done, and right ow I wouldn't bet we'll come p with an answer.

"To put it bluntly, this is a ilemma that is loaded to the unwales with political dynamite."

Two major reasons for this ary indecision are:

(1) The demonstrated highly olatile nature of Birch Society alots. Members of Congress ho have spoken out against the ganization are deluged with itical mail, some of it vituperive and threatening. Other legators, who have said nothing, e being bombarded with deands they defend the Society. Sen. Gale McGee (D., Wyo.) an instance of this. The formpolitical science professor is concerned about Birch Society ength in his State that he w out there especially for a st-hand study to determine its tent.

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Other senators are doing the same thing, particularly those up for election next year.

(2) The committees which already have authority to conduct such an investigation — the Senate Internal Security Committee and the House un-American Activities Committee — have at least one member each who belongs to the Birch Society. Other committeemen are openly friendly to the organization.

A move to set up a special probing committee is likely to be hotly opposed by these two groups.

However, that proposal is still under discussion and more may be heard of it. At one bipartisan strategy meeting the unusual suggestion was tossed out that a joint special Senate - House committee be created for this investigation.

Soundings are now being taken on the prospects for such a plan.

Vice President Lyndon Johnson has agreed to be honor speaker at the June 19 graduation exercises of Howard University, leading Negro educational center in the Capital that is attended by many foreign students, particularly from Africa and Asia. Johnson was the University's first choice, and he accepted the invitation without hesitation. . . .The Texan, who began his government service in 1931 as a congressional secretary, has been singled out by President Kennedy for special praise as a "brilliant example of a successful government career worker." In a message to the Civil Service, the President cited Johnson as "my top career executive". . . .Rep. Thaddeus Machrowicz (D., Mich.), member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, is slated for one of the threescore federal judgeships created by Congress. Other members of the Senate and House also have their eye on these lifetime prizes. The backstage scramble for them is already on.

Segregation in labor unions is slated for airing by a House subcommittee headed by Rep. James Roosevelt (D., Calif.). Particular target of the probe is building trades unions that bar Negroes. Chief instigator of this investigation is Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D., N. Y.), chairman of the Labor Committee, who is setting up the subcommittee and naming Roosevelt for that purpose. . . .

Reclamation Commissioner Floyd Dominy, holdover from the Eisenhower administration, is the target of mounting congressional complaints to the White House. Dominy, who stands high in the good graces of Sen. Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.), 83-year-old chairman of the potent Appropriations Committee, is charged with privately opposing administration power and other projects. Aides of the President are being told that "unless Dominy is replaced, there will be an explosion which will rip the lid off the Interior Department."

Postmaster General Edward Day expects to have 10,000 new jobs by July 1. The Californian has told the President these new jobs will be made possible by savings resulting from reducing the overtime of regular postal employes and cutting the work week of substitutes. . . .The Republican National Committee is trying to find jobs for a considerable number of former officials of the Eisenhower administration. The committee has sent out several thousand letters to businessmen and trade and other organizations advising them that experienced Washington lawyers, executives and representatives are available among these jobless Eisenhower officials. Republican leaders are eager to keep as many of them as possible in the Capital for future political activities. . . . More than 700 new jobs will be created under the National Aeronautics & Space Administration if its increased budget is approved by Congress — which is very likely.

CORDINER BOWING OUT

Ralph J. Cordiner, head of General Electric, will "retire" by fall — despite his recent reelection by an overwhelming vote. That's the inside word from GE sources to Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) who is investigating the electrical industry's price-fixing operations. He has been told the GE board did not want to oust Cordiner while under fire, but that he will be replaced in a few months. . . . Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) has personal assurances from President Kennedy that $100 million of the $600 million voted by Congress for economic aid to Latin America will be earmarked for the development of farmer and consumer cooperatives there. Humphrey strongly favors such a program, and has been working on details with Agriculture and State Department officials. . . .Gov. Rockefeller expects that at least one of the three large farms he and his brothers own in Venezuela will be taken over by the government. The government there is under powerful public pressure to nationalize foreign land and other holdings, and the Rockefeller farms, among the best developed in Venezuela, are high on the list to be taken over.

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Wonders Whether General Walker Really Hero—

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RECALLS COMMANDER OF TROOPS AT LITTLE ROCK

Editor,
Shreveport Journal.

Friday night's Journal carried a letter from Harry E. Hill Jr., of Oil City, La., one of a number of letters I have recently noticed in various newspapers protesting the transfer of Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker. All of these letters I have read have either referred to General Walker as a patriot or a hero.

I agree with the writers that Gen. Walker's transfer due to his efforts on behalf of the John Birch movement was a vicious, Communist inspired action if that really was the reason for his transfer; however, when the writers of the letters refer to General Walker as either a patriot or a hero they must either be suffering from loss of memory or else their philosophy is different from that of most Southerners.

Unless there is more than one Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker in the U.S. Army, this one is the same general who commanded the Nazi minded paratroopers who brutalized the decent people of Little Rock on behalf of a simple minded president and nine Negro children. That Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker possessed a mentality and a morality on the level of the Hitler Storm Troopers and cannot be classified as a patriot or a hero. It was by his orders that one courageous man of Little Rock was beaten to the ground by the rifle butts of some of General Walker's swaggering hoodlums. It was under General Walker's protection that the back stabbing Little Rock Fire Department turned on the people who paid their salaries and used a fire hose to knock an old lady off her feet.

If the two General Walkers are one and the same, he should have been cashiered from the Army several years ago. He belongs with Castro or Khrushchev but not with the Army of the United States.

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Robinson Sought For 'Birch' Film

By LOUELLA O. PARSONS

HOLLYWOOD—Despite the obvious handicaps involved in making a movie about the controversial John Birch Society—Edward G. Robinson is being sought as the star and producer Alex Gordon is rushing ahead with his plans at Columbia.

"The Gordons are already at work on the screen play," Alex told me. "I think they are the right team for this. Gordon is a former FBI man and they've just completed a fine script of their novel 'Operation Terror' for me."

I asked him if he wasn't already getting headaches over handling the hot John Birch Society potato. "We'll just have to take the problems as they come up," he philosophized.

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DALLAS WALES, co-ordinator of the John Birch Society will speak at the Cedar Grove Rotary Club meeting Tuesday. Wales' subject will be "Communism and You." At the close of the meeting Wales will answer questions submitted by the Rotarians. The club meets at noon in the Cedar Grove Methodist Church.

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Birch President Denies Charges

WASHINGTON (AP)—The founder and president of the John Birch Society has denied his organization refuses to make an accounting of its funds, desires an authoritarian U. S. government or is semisecret.

Robert Welch, retired Belmont, Mass., candy manufacturer, said last night the aims of the militantly conservative organization were well known and that auditors now are preparing a complete report on its finances.

In a rare session with the press, Welch was asked about accusations his group was authoritarian and monolithic and whether he wanted this type of government in the United States.

"No," he replied, "I have said the best form of government is a republic and the worst is a democracy . . . Our purpose is to inform our fellow citizens so they do the right things politically."

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Deny Film Is 'Warped' Birch View

Charges that the controversial film "Communism on the Map" reflects the "warped views" of the John Birch Society brought strong denials in a two-hour discussion last night on educational television channel WYES-TV.

The film, produced by the National Educational Program, purports to illustrate the rise, spread and dangers of international communism.

Dr. John Snell, Tulane university professor of history, and Dr. Philip B. Taylor Jr., associate professor of political science, spoke out against the 65-minute film.

Defending it were Dr. James D. Bales, professor of Christian doctrine at Harding college, and Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr., vice-president of Harding college, both affiliated with the National Educational Program.

Dr. Snell said he believes the motives of the producers and distributors were patriotic, but he charged the film presents the warped views of the John Birch Society.

The film was conceived, prepared and produced by an ardent mover of the society, he quoted Robert Welch, head of the John Birch group, as saying.

Dr. Taylor also criticized the film as being "tainted" with the society's propaganda and he said dozens of examples can be found in Welch's "Blue Book."

Dr. Bales countered that the charges were an effort to transfer the smear which has been made against the society to the film.

He said there were similarities in the point of view of the film and that of the society but added there were also similarities between opponents of the film and "left wingers."

Dr. Ganus claimed the film does not attack political parties, individuals or nations but is designed to tell the story of the rise of communism from 1917 to 1960.

He said the film does not encourage defeatism but actually helps create an awareness of the Communist menace.

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AMUSEMENTS, TV, RADIO

WDSU to Repeat Welch Interview

By BOB SUBLETTE

WDSU radio will repeat NBC's Meet the Press interview with **Robert Welch** tomorrow night at 7:30.

The station decided to replay the broadcast of the interview with the head of the Right Wing John Birch Society following a barrage of phone calls from people who missed the original airing Sunday night.

The program also was an NBC-TV offering Sunday afternoon but was not scheduled by channel 6, local NBC-TV affiliate.

Channel 6 will carry the NBC White Paper study of "Railroads: End of the Line?" tonight at 9.

This is an hour-long report on American railroads, the serious trouble they are in, and what the future holds. Prominent rail management and labor leaders will participate in the program that will document the changing patterns of transportation since World War II.

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Narrator will be **Chet Huntley** and thereby hangs a tale.

The NBC news personality and Emmy winner is the son of a Northern Pacific crewman and was born in a railway depot at Cardwell, Mont. He spent his childhood along the Northern Pacific tracks and therefore has a particular interest in his job tonight.

A MEETING of the social welfare planning council of the United Fund will be carried "live" from the studios of WYES on channel 8 at 5 this evening.

THE NATION'S FUTURE has 12 debates scheduled this summer but will also air six half-hour programs featuring a single speaker, who will then be questioned by the audience. **Irving Gitlin**, executive producer, says the change will allow the program to air topics which do not lend themselves to debate and to obtain speakers who otherwise would not be heard.

The NBC Saturday night of-

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fering is aired on channel 6 Sunday afternoon following the baseball game.

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THRILLER returns to that other-world realm tonight at 8 on channel 6 with "The Prisoner in the Mirror." It is the story of a scholar researching the life of the 18th century magician - charlatan Count Cagliostro who discovers an ancient mirror that holds the key to life and death.

CAROL HANEY and Carol Burnett are a promising twosome offered on the Garry Moore Show tonight at 9 on channel 4. Other performers will include sincer Mel Torme and comedian Jackie Mason.

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SPEAKING OF that other-world realm, Rod Serling is writing a Twilight Zone teleplay about the nightmares of a former concentration camp overseer. "Death's Head Revisited" is the title and it will star Joseph Schildkraut. Filming starts this month on the story that will be included in next fall's schedule.

THE CRASH that took the life of auto-racing champion Tony Bettenhausen will be the subject of films and eyewitness commentary when ABC's Wide World of Sports Saturday devotes its two hours to the time trials of the Indianapolis auto race.

WHEN JAMES HAGGERTY took over as ABC vice-president in charge of news he announced he would seek his on-camera newscasters from the working press. No more handsome faces and well modulated voices that didn't know what they were talking about, said Haggerty.

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"THE GREEN MAN" rings down the curtain on the 1960-61 season of the Loyola Film Series Sunday at 7:45 p. m. in Marquette auditorium.

The 1957 British comedy stars Alastair Sim and Terry-Thomas. Sim plays a retired English gentleman whose hobby is blowing up stuffy public figures who irritate him. He devises elaborate time bombs to blow up his victims at the most appropriate moments.

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New Orleans,
Editor, The Times-Picayune:

Although not a John Bircher, I am struck by the curious change of position now being assumed by critics of that maligned group. Following an intensive denunciation of Robert Welch, his liberal critics now question the advisability of a committee investigation on the grounds that Mr. Welch is actually seeking publicity.

Now I can recall no instance of a subversive Communist or fascist ever seeking a committee hearing in the past. Nor do I recall any outraged liberals ever having shrunk from documenting and exposing vulnerable segments of the opposition. Since the John Birch Society has attracted scores of knowledgeable, patriotic and experienced public figures, it is quite possible that this reticence to promote publicity is based upon fear that the Birch position might be vindicated by the American public.

JIM BYRNE.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1499) DATE: 6/2/61

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY [redacted]
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

On 6/2/61, [redacted] appeared at the New Orleans Office and advised that his wife was approached to join the John Birch Society. He said she has been talking about the society for sometime and he did not know what to do about it. He said he is employed as a [redacted] where he works. He said he became rather worried about the Society with all the talk in the newspapers and wanted to know the opinion of the FBI about the Society. He was advised that the FBI had no opinion whatsoever about the Society and that he should contact the Justice Department in Washington, D. C. for any information re the Society. He said he has not had very muchopportunity to talk with his wife about the Society since he works in [redacted] and she stays in [redacted]

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Editor, The Times-Picayune:

Newspapers recently carried the report that Gen. Walker was "indoctrinating" his troops with the principles of the John Birch Society. Many well-meaning, gullible individuals who repeat the smear against the John Birch Society would be in accord with its principles if they bothered to find out what those principles were. But that is not the point in the case of Gen. Walker. The important thing here is that the report is incorrect; that the general has not been using John Birch material, according to the testimony of one of his officers. . . .

This officer wrote a letter to National Review, May 6 issue, protesting the smear. . . . He says the Overseas Weekly, which the general is criticized for opposing, is a tabloid-type paper that carries news calculated to destroy unit loyalty, and to present the American soldier as "rowdy, disorderly, dishonest and immoral." As for the general's "Pro-Blue" program, the program that was used as the basis for attacking him, the officer describes it as one that teaches "positive belief in God, American heritage, and anticommunism," which stresses "the need today for personal integrity, to include a high moral code and strong religious affiliations." It supports various projects for material assistance as well—PTA's, help for orphans, etc.

Those who read the reports of Maj. Mayer, Army psychiatrist who studied the reactions of American soldiers who were brainwashed in Communist prison camps in Korea, will instantly see the merit in such a program. . . .

EMERILE O. PERRET.

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BY
BILLY JAMES HARGIS, D.D.
FOUNDER CHRISTIAN CRUSADE

WHO WAS JOHN BIRCH?

Through the controversy over the anti-communist John Birch Society, the name of John Birch has finally been brought to the attention of the American public. Who was John Birch? He was an American Christian missionary in China, and during World War II became a captain in the intelligence forces of General Chennault. On April 1, 1961 a Billings, Montana radio and television executive who claims he served in the same OSS (Office of Strategic Services) detachment with Birch spoke of him in highly uncomplimentary terms. He said that Birch "was a man with no particularly distinguishing characteristics—a little stiff, perhaps, with a not very high regard for the Chinese, and somewhat self-important . . ."

This opinion is quite at odds with that of the late Gen. Claire Chennault under whom John Birch served, and others who were close to him. During 1945, Gen. Chennault said that about 90 per cent of his downed flyers had been saved by John's rescue arrangements, the highest percentage in any war theatre. On another occasion the General sent Birch a message in which he said, "Your successes will play an important part in finally driving the Japanese from China." In his book, "The Way of a Fighter" Gen. Chennault wrote, "John Birch was the pioneer of our field-intelligence-net." At another time he wrote: ". . . John did a magnificent job . . . his devotion to duty was beyond anything that was expected of him. I cannot praise his work sufficiently."

Capt. James H. Hart, who served with Capt. John Birch behind the Japanese lines said: "Where brave men were commen, John was the bravest man I knew . . ." Gen. F. W. Evans stated that one reason John Birch was such an outstanding intelligence officer was that he had so many Chinese friends behind the lines. John Birch was awarded the Legion of Merit and other high honors, but always accepted them with great humility and an attitude that he did not deserve the awards.

During August 1945, Capt. John Birch was Commanding Officer of a small military group which was sent on a highly important mission concerning a Chinese post-war internal problem. They were stopped by the Communists. John and a Chinese officer, Lt. Tung were taken to "negotiate" with the communist officer in charge. The Communists shot and bayonetted them brutally. Lt. Tung was left for dead, but he lived to tell the cruel story. On November 16, 1945, Adeline Gray, a newspaper woman, wrote John's parents that "had not the truth been suppressed, Capt. Birch's death would have headlined every newspaper in the United States."

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Address your questions to Dr. Hargis, Christian Crusade, Tulsa 2, Oklahoma.

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Birch Society Probe Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Rules Committee decided Wednesday not to order investigations of the John Birch Society and the nation's gold reserves at Ft. Knox.

It also turned thumbs down on proposals to create a joint committee on ethics and to require Congress to take a summer recess except in time of war.

A resolution to investigate the John Birch Society was introduced by Rep. Edgar Hiestand, R-Calif., a member of the far-right organization. He said an inquiry would show the society to be educational and patriotic.

Several members joined in sponsoring a resolution to set up a special committee to determine whether the gold actually is on deposit at Ft. Knox.

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On July 22, 1961 WILLIAM IRWIN, P. O. Box 637, Amite, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI. Mr. IRWIN described himself as being the publisher of two newspapers, the "Tangi Talk", Amite, Louisiana, and the "Kentwood News", Kentwood, Louisiana.

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Mr. IRWIN stated that recently DALLAS WALES, whom he described as a paid organizer in Louisiana for the JOHN BIRCH Society, in the company of [redacted] were in Amite, Louisiana contacting various individuals for the purpose of establishing a chapter of the JOHN BIRCH Society in that community. Mr. IRWIN stated that he understood that a meeting of various elite persons had been held toward that end; however, he did not believe that a group had been organized but he felt that it would be entirely possible to accomplish that end in Amite.

Mr. IRWIN said that he had not been contacted by DALLAS WALES but had spoken with [redacted] who informed him of efforts on the part of WALES to establish a chapter in Amite. Mr. IRWIN stated that he would not afford the JOHN BIRCH Society any support in his publications as he considers it to be a "radical group."

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum dated July 28, 1961 and captioned as above.

WILLIAM IRWIN, who is described in accompanying letterhead memorandum, requested that he be furnished information concerning the JOHN BIRCH Society and he was informed that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluation or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Mr. IRWIN stated he understood fully the FBI's position in this regard and it was sufficient to him that he might find the desired information from public source material and from various publications at his local library.

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Wales to Speak At Benton Meeting

Dallas Wales of Shreveport, regional coordinator for the John Birch Society, will be guest speaker at a nanti-Communist meeting to be staged in the Benton High School auditorium at 8 p.m. on Sept. 7.

The meeting is sponsored by Jerel E. Mosley Jr. and Robert H. Daulton, Benton High School graduates and students at Louisiana Tech.

A film entitled "Communist Encirclement" will be shown following the guest speaker's address. The meeting is open to the public.

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Benton Slates Big Patriotism Rally

An Anti-Communist program will be held Thursday, Sept. 7, in the Benton High School Auditorium. To begin at 8:00 p.m., it will be open to the public with no admission.

Dallas Wales, Co-ordinator for the John Birch Society, will address the group.

Wales' talk will be succeeded by a film entitled "Communist Encirclement."

The sponsors of the program include Jerel E. Mosley Jr. and Robert H. Daulton, former Benton graduates who are currently attending Louisiana Tech.

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Bircher Sees Communist Control Here in 10 Years

An official of the John Birch Society says the US will be lost to communism within 10 years unless Americans stage a last-ditch fight to rescue the country from "moral decadence" and federal control by "socialist" members of Congress who pose as liberals.

The warning came from Dallas F. Wales of Shreveport, who told a Kiwanis Club luncheon group yesterday that every man in the room would be "dead within 10 years unless you get up off your chairs and do something about this."

Wales identified himself as the Louisiana-Mississippi staff co-ordinator of the John Birch Society. He said the post is a full-time job.

Moral Decadence

The speaker told Kiwanians gathered at the Sheraton-Charles hotel that America's greatest need is to "get right with God" and reverse its trend of moral decadence.

Wales said the American public has been hornswoggled by socialistic-minded lawmakers and government officials to the extent that it "doesn't know friend from foe."

He linked communism and socialism at the outset by saying:

"We don't have a Communist nation in the world—they all call themselves socialistic. Yet we have people in this country who call socialism good."

Norman Thomas

Wales said the American Socialist party has stopped running Norman Thomas for president because, in Thomas' own words during the last campaign, "the Democrats and the Republicans are running on our platform."

Socialists have infiltrated the government, ~~he said,~~ by posing as "modern liberals" and pushing legislation "right out of the Socialist party platform."

"We've already got a government coalition with the Socialists," Ware asserted. "They control the Senate and almost control the House of Representatives.

Elect Liberals

"If they elect enough of these liberals next year to gain control of the House, we've had it."

Wales said Khrushchev has declared the Communists "will have to liquidate some 30 million Americans" when they take over the U. S."

He told the Kiwanians such threats mean this:

"If you as individuals don't intend to do something—if you just sit there and let them come and get you—there is no need to buy any more insurance, you'll be dead and there won't be anyone to collect it.

"There's no need to buy a burial plot—they'll bury you in a mass grave."

Wales quoted Tennessee Farm magazine publisher and fervent patriot Tom Anderson as saying "I'd rather die on my feet than live on my knees."

To this, the John Birch Society staffer added:

"If we lose this war your children will live on their knees—you'll be dead anyway."

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Birch Society Founder To Speak Here

A retired candymaker who has become one of the nation's most controversial figures will deliver a public address in Jackson, Friday, Nov. 17.

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, will speak at the Heidelberg Hotel. Welch, on a nationwide speaking tour, lives at Belmont, Mass.

Tickets for the meeting here are available at 10 local drug stores and restaurants and cost $1 apiece. They may be bought at:

All four Primos Restaurants; Patterson's Rexall Drug Stores in Highland Village and Westland Plaza, Southwest Drug Stores in Mid-City Mart and at Terry and McDowell Rds., Brent's Drugs in Woodland Hills, and Service Drug Co. in Brights Center.

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Birch Society Head To Speak

Robert Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society, will speak in Jackson, Friday night at 8 o'clock. The speaking will be held in the Olympic Room at the Heidelberg Hotel. The price of admission will be $1.00 per ticket and the tickets are on sale at 16 business places over town.

Robert Welch's home is in Belmont, Massachusetts. He was originally from North Carolina. For many years he has edited the monthly paper, American Opinion. He retired as head of the Welch Candy Manufacturing Company to devote his entire time to exposing communist subversion in our government.

The John Birch Society, which Mr. Welch founded in 1958, has been the subject of great controversy.

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BIRCH SOCIETY FOUNDER HEARD

Red Strategy Explained to Members, Guests

Behind Communist attempts to produce a spiritual and moral nihilism in man, there seems to be a demonic group or power, Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, said in New Orleans Saturday.

Addressing John Birch members and their guests in the Fontainebleau motor hotel, Welch explained Communist strategy as stemming from a "principle of reversal."

Welch came into New Orleans from Jackson, Miss., without advance public notice and drew a crowd estimated by Dallas Wales of Shreveport, Louisiana-Mississippi co-ordinator for the society, at 600.

To exemplify the "principle of reversal," Birch pointed first to semantics. "By the 'liberation' of a country, for instance . . . Cuba, the Communists mean imposing . . . a tyrannical Communist dictatorship."

He said Americans have been led towards communism for years by steps presented as ways of fighting communism. "The whole foreign aid program is an excellent example."

He said the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy's tactics "scared the daylights out of the Communists" and made his "destruction the most important item" on their agenda.

He said statements such as "I like what McCarthy is trying to do but I can't stand his methods" were parroted unknowingly from Communist propaganda.

He said the reversal principle leads the Communists to seek to make their greatest weaknesses and dangers their greatest strengths.

He said they aim to infiltrate the Protestant clergy because "that is almost the last place the ordinary American would expect to find them."

But the principle, according to Welch, is not only their strategy, it is their purpose itself.

Their use of lies, theft and murder, he said, tends to offset residual respect for virtues like truth, charity and forgiveness.

This, he said, produces a moral neutralism—bad enough in itself—but also "it actually seeks to make hatred instead of love the great motivating force, and the ideal to be sustained to the limits of one's dedication, in all the affairs of man.

"The diabolical concept and drive is the ultimate essence of the principle of reversal."

He said the entire outlook of mans is at stake.

Welch told his New Orleans followers before his arrival he would refuse any interviews with the press or other media. "There are only so many hours in a day, and I have only so much energy," he explained.

Wales said the meeting was limited to members and their guests because a larger auditorium could not be obtained for the address.

Henry Soule, supervisor of New Orleans chapters, was master of ceremonies. George Soule, president of Soule college, introduced Welch. The Rev. Carl Schutten, a Catholic priest, and the Rev. Thomas Sinclair, an Episcopalian priest, offered the invocation and benediction.

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Welch Says Reds In 'Freedom Rides'

By DAVE MADDUX
State Times Staff Writer

Robert Welch, founder of the ultra conservative John Birch Society, told an audience of about 1,500 that the so-called "freedom rides" into Mississippi were Communist-inspired as were the breaking up of House UnAmerican Affairs Committee hearings in San Francisco last year.

"Regardless of how many misguided idealists there may have been among them, you can bet that the Communists were there somewhere," he said.

Welch, speaking at the Heidelberg Hotel here, said the Hungarian Revolt of 1956 was staged by the Communists themselves to get Communists into this country as refugees and at the same time kill off Communist opposition in Hungary.

Welch, a retired candy manufacturer whose home is in Belmont, Mass., was introduced by U.S. Rep. John Bell Williams, who described him and the John Birch Society as "militantly patriotic."

"For years," said Welch, "we have been taken steadily down the road to communism by steps supposedly designed, and presented to the American people, as ways of fighting communism."

He said the whole foreign aid program was an example from the time it began to the "mammoth proportions" of today and has been a tremendous help to the advance of communism.

"It was planned by the Communists for that purpose. This pouring of American billions into foreign countries, to make things easier for the Communists and their socialist allies or agents, is exactly what the Communists wanted the American government to do."

ROBERT WELCH, LEFT, JOHN BIRCH FOUNDER . . . Introduced here by John Bell Williams, right. (Staff Photo by Bart Parker)

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He discounted the idea that the Communists would ever engage the United States in a shooting war when they are conquering "so easy, rapidly and successfully by internal subversion."

An all out shooting way would be the signal for the simultaneous uprising of the enslaved peoples all over the world and this is the only development of a military nature the Kremlin fears, he said.

He spoke of the principle of reversal, which he described as the Communist habit of taking their greatest weakness and by daring and bluff, converting it into their greatest item of strength in a particular situation.

He said Communist sympathizers in the Protestant ministry amount to about three per cent and the other 97 per cent are gullible and apathetic as are a lot of other good Americans in allowing such a condition to exist.

Welch said he believed that at least 98 per cent of all federal government employes are loyal and patriotic, but he emphasized that only four per cent of the people of Russia are Communists.

"Since 1945 or 1946, at best, and perhaps from an earlier date, our government has been the most powerful single force supporting the steady worldwide Communist advance—while always pretending, of course, to oppose that advance," he said.

A man in the audience asked Welch if he thought United Auto Worker (UAW) President Walter Reuther was a Communist.

"It doesn't matter whether he is or not," said Welch. "The Communists love him whether he is one of them or not and he is a dangerous left-winger."

In conclusion, Welch said "Our deepest worry should be, not that we might consciously make the wrong decision, but that we might lose the decision simply by default, through ignorance and gullibility and apathy and fear."

A number of state officials, including Secretary of State Heber Ladner, Atty. Gen. Joe Patterson, Civil Defense Director Robert Crook and others were on hand for the speech, sponsored by the local John Birch Society.

Welch Says Reds Don't Dare Fight As Fear Rebellion

By PAT FLYNN
Daily News Staff Writer

The president and founder of the John Birch Society told an overflow audience at the Heidelberg Hotel last night "no earthly power" could drag the Soviet Union into a real war with the United States today.

Robert Welsh, a retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass who founded the controversial, right wing organization, said the Communists feared the mass uprising of enslaved nations who would identify themselves with the United States if war came.

Welch, who was introduced by Congressman John Bell Williams, said international Communism had changed even the nature of war.

"Until the Communists came along, wars had to be declared," he said. "Now the Communists depend on the very fact of not declaring war as one of their greatest assets in waging war."

He said they brazenly proclaim that "treaties, like pie crusts, are made to be broken. And they are frequently making plans as to when and how to break any treaty most advantageously for themselves, right while the treaty is being formulated."

Welch said the Communists were destroying "the arts of peace as well as the arts of war."

"Pictures are not painted for their beauty, nor music composed for its addition of harmony to life, nor books written for the increase of man's knowledge or enjoyment, but all art must be prostituted to the service of the Communist conspiracy and to the lust for power of the top conspirators," he claimed.

He said if the Communists were not stopped now, "the only possible environment for human life will be a new and feudal Dark Ages, out of which man once more will have to emerge slowly and painfully."

Even more important than the Communist battle against the arts, he said, is its constant struggle against Christianity.

"Now," he said, "for the first time in all history, on any extensive—and even less on any worldwide scale—we have the forces of evil openly and brazenly setting up their precepts and values and codes as the acceptable and perferable mores of mankind. What is really at stake today, overshadowing all lesser gains and losses, is the very nature of human life and the very purpose of man through all the days to be."

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Welch said the entire Communism strategy is the "Principle of Reversal."

For an example, he used their term "liberation" of a country. "By liberation," he said, "the Communists mean the imposing of a tyrannical Communist dictatorship. And they do not consider that 'liberation' complete until the viceroy of the Kremlin is so safety established that all resistance seems futile to the enslave people under him."

Welch said the foreign aid program was an excellent example of the way the American people have "been taken steadily down the road to Communism by steps supposedly designed and present as way of fighting Communism."

He said the pouring of American billions into foreign countries, to make things easier for the Communists and their socialist allies or agents, is exactly what the Communists wanted the American government to do.

"It was planned by the Communists for that purpose," he stated.

"Another excellent example of the same strategy at work has been the impact of the Soviet military threat on our domestic economy," he said. "The Soviets never were able to conquer Finland by their own military force. They didn't take over even tiny Albania, or Poland, or Cuba, or Bolivia by direct use of Soviet arms, but always by internal subversion which was carried to the point of civil war only if necessary. What on earth leads anybody to think that the Soviets, in view of their whole past history, would attempt to conquer their most powerful enemy by military force when they are doing it so easily, rapidly and successfully by internal subversion?"

"Especially," he continued, "when you consider that an all - out shooting war between the Soviets and ourselves would be the automatic signal, the now-or-never trumpet call, for the simultaneous uprising of the enslaved peoples all over the world, which is the only development of a military nature that the Kremlin really fears."

The long-range object of the American "stampede to socialihm" he said, is to change the economic and political structure of the United States that it can be comfortable merged with Soviet Russia in a one-world socialist government.

War, if and when it does come, said Welch, will merely be a "mopping up" process for the Communists, who have already made sure of a complete victory through internal subversion.

"It is precisely because no earthly power could drag the Soviets into a real war or an honest war with the United States today that they beat their breasts so much and threaten war so loudly and so often."

Welch said we should "keep our powder dry" as a precaution, but also remain aware of the incredible waste of billions of dollars, the socialization of our economy, the centralization of government power, and all of the other Soviet-serving measures being so skillfully promoted by Communist influences within our government, with this completely phony threat of outside war as the excuse.

He said by the "conquest by catch - phrase" the Communists were able to stand behind the scenes and "bequile perfectly innocent leaders in American political life to spread effective propaganda for them."

Under these slogans, he listed: "I can't stand Roosevelt, but. . .", I like Taft, but. . .", "I like what McCarthy is trying to do, but. . .",

Welch asked his audience to "take a look at the current farce being played out by the Kremlin stooges with regard to the United Nations — of which farce Mr. Khrushchev's shoe-banging and other ham acting have been among the most entertaining features." He said the Communists have now reached the point where they can count on just as complete control of the whole United Nations apparatus as they need.

He said their only remaining task in this connection is to pull the United States more completely and definitely into and under the control of the United Nations by convincing the American people that the United Nations is doing something that the Soviets don't want them to do.

"The Soviets know," he said, "there is lmost no limit to the innocent gullibility of the American people."

He said the basic theme that Communism started from "hungry bellies" was false, that the movement started from the top and went down.

He said the largest single body of Communists in the United States was in the Protestant clergy, but that they composed only about three per cent of that body.

"Nobody is accusing any of the other 97 per cent of anything except — like an awful lot of other good Americans — the gullibility and apathy which allows such a condition to exist."

"Protestant ministers do not become Communists, but Communists do become Protestant ministers."

However, he said, "The Communists have proved over and over that they are able to control any nation, any population, any organization, or any group with only about three percent of its membership."

Robert Welch, founder of the controversial John Birch Society, who spoke here last night chats before his speech with Rep. John Bell Williams of Raymond who introduced him.

Reds Hit By Welch In Talk

About 1,500 Hear Controversial Man In Address Here

By CHARLES M. HILLS
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

A principile of reversal that cloaks evil as good, falsity as honesty, lies as truth, and tyranny as liberalism is today being successfully effected by Communists to perpetrate the greatest of frauds upon the American people and the world.

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, declared in a speech at the Hotel Heidelberg here Friday night that great figures of modern American history have been criticized and destroyed because they sought to reveal to their constituents the unholy truth of Communist infiltration.

"By the liberation of a country, for instances, the Communists mean the imposing of dictatorship, as in Cuba," the speaker declared. "The over-worked term anti-collonialism is used to accent collonialism."

Mr. Welch spoke to a crowded Olympic Room audience of some 1,500 persons and drew a standing ovation as he concluded his two-hour address.

He declared that Communism draws its converts from the fertile fields of the rich, the intellectual and the powerful, and this is the reason it is so often in places of control.

"The ordinary happy and innocent American will frequently observe he couldn't be a Communist because he's rich or a famous scholar," the speaker cited.

"Nuts!" Welch snorted, "where do you think the leaders of Communism have always come from?"

"You can find a lot more Harvard accents in Com[illegible]cles in America today than you can find in overalls," he said significantly.

"Karl Marx was a brilliant intellectual so filled with hate that he has imparted his philosophies to the world," he said.

The speaker deplored the sympathies for Communism in the religions.

"While the Communists' intent is to wipe out all religion," he cited, "employing the principle of reversal, they have called on the Protestant clergy to become the largest single body of Communists in America, by reports of Herbert Philbrick."

"The Communists have proved over and over that they are able to control any nation, any population, any organization, or any group with only about three percent of the population," Welch asserted.

He declared that Russia doesn't want a hot war, but hopes to overthrow the United States by infiltration.

He was introduced by Congressman John Bell Williams as a man who has been attacked viciously by the left-wing press, television and liberals because he has the true facts about the workings of Communism and his hurting the Communists cause.

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IN DEFENSE OF ROBERT WELCH

BY KENT COUNTNEY, PUBLISHER

Until recently, both Robert Welch and William F. Buckley, Jr. have served their respective causes with great distinction. Mr. Welch continues to do so. But, now that young Buckley, author of "God and Man at Yale," has decided to break his Quixotic lance on Robert Welch and the John Birch Society, we recommend that Mr. Buckley return for another semester to Yale, where he can get re-acquainted with God, and possibly obtain some grace, because there was certainly no grace and no wit in his article about Robert Welch in the February 13, 1962 issue of NATIONAL REVIEW.

I know of no person better qualified than Robert Welch to lead the very successful movement known as the John Birch Society. The latter-day critics of Mr. Welch are merely pale echoes of the "start-order" issued out of Moscow that Robert Welch and all energetic, imaginative, disciplined, forceful and effective anti-Communists had to be destroyed.

In the February 13 issue of NATIONAL REVIEW, Russell Kirk is quoted as saying that Mr. Welch "by silliness and injustice of utterance" has become "the kiss of death" for any Conservative enterprise. So Russell Kirk thinks that some of Robert Welch's statements are silly! To call Robert Welch "silly" is no more than juvenile name-calling. Mr. Kirk says that Robert Welch is the "kiss of death" to any Conservative enterprise. The John Birch Society and the American Opinion magazine have been among the most successful of Conservative enterprised due to the organizational genius and patriotic fervor of Robert Welch. I am not aware that Mr. Welch has attempted to affiliate with any organization other than his own.

When the "extreme Left-Wing" began mounting its attack against the John Birch Society in January and February of 1961, THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN was one of the first newspapers to come to the defense of Robert Welch. At that time we pointed out the Communist Party origins of the virulent attack on Robert Welch which attack the "extreme Left-Wing" and almost the Liberal establishment echoed and re-echoed throughout the entire year of 1961.

Congressman Walter Judd is reported by NATIONAL REVIEW as saying that "Mr. Welch's judgment is so flawed as to disqualify Welch from the leadership of an effective anti-Communist movement." Just what qualifications does Congressman Judd have that equip him to judge "effective anti-Communism?" A look at Judd's voting record for 1961 reveals that this so-called "expert" on anti-Communism actually voted in a number of cases for legislation which aided the Communist cause. Specifically, Congressman Judd voted for Foreign Aid, which included provision for Foreign Aid to be sent to Communist satellite nations; he voted for Cultural Exchange with the Soviet Union and its satellites; and he voted for funds to help finance the Communist conquest of the Congo via the United Nations.

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And this is the man who sets himself up to judge Robert Welch's qualifications to lead an effective anti-Communist movement! Perhaps Congressman Judd was frightened that under Robert Welch's able leadership the patriotic anti-Communist movement would grow to such proportions that it would be strong enough to vote pseudo anti-Communists, such as Walter Judd, out of office.

Buckley states as a primary conclusion of the NATIONAL REVIEW article that Robert Welch is "damaging the cause of anti-Communism." In support of this allegation, Buckley charges that Robert Welch distorts reality and refuses to make "the crucial moral and political distinction." Buckley then goes on to complain that Welch does not make a distinction between (1) an active pro-Communist, and (2) an ineffectually anti-Communist Liberal.

As publisher of THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN Newspaper, which has been exposing active pro-Communists since January, 1955, I have studied the publications of both Robert Welch and Bill Buckley with a great deal of care. It is admitted that Mr. Welch shows a remarkable lack of humor, as is only proper, when dealing with vicious, treacherous, deceitful, atheistic Communism! Mr. Buckley, on the other hand, is at his best when he uses his lance-like wit to expose the absurdities of the alleged anti-Communist Liberals.

When Buckley says that Robert Welch does not make a distinction between an active pro-Communist and an ineffectually anti-Communist Liberal, he, Buckley, just does not know what he is talking about! Welch's documentation of the Communist-benefitting decisions and policies of Dwight D. Eisenhower, General de Gaulle, Milton Eisenhower, Bertrand Russell, Nasser of Egypt, Romulo Betancourt of Venezuela, and Fidel Castro has always been accurate. Robert Welch has usually foretold with uncanny foresight the exact shape, form, time, nature, and degree of the Eisenhower Administration's accommodation to the current policies of the International Communist Conspiracy.

Let us now examine some of Eisenhower's decisions, the details of which can be found in the files of any responsible metropolitan daily newspaper:

(1) Eisenhower's military decision, as Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, to prevent American troops from entering and occupying Berlin, thus giving the Russians an opportunity to use Berlin as a bargaining point at any time the Communists needed to foment an international crisis.

(2) When President of the United States, Eisenhower interfered in the Suez-crisis, preventing the British and French from destroying the pro-Communist Nasser, and thus provided the Russians a stepping-stone for eventual conquest of Algeria, Tunisia, and possibly all of Africa.

(3) Men around President Eisenhower, such as Paul Hoffman, Sherman Adams, and others, who dub themselves "Modern" Republicans brought about the censure of the anti-Communist Senator, the late Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin, with the approval of Eisenhower. The danger that McCarthy posed to the Eisenhower Administration was that McCarthy was well on the way to effectively routing Communists out of the United States Government, as had been promised in the 1952 platform of the Republican Party.

(4) Eisenhower promulgated and forced through Congress the concept known as Cultural Exchange. J. Edgar Hoover and others have warned us that Cultural Exchange helps the Russians send organized bands of Communist spies throughout the United States, with costs being borne by the U. S. taxpayers.

(5) Nelson Rockefeller and John Foster Dulles sold Eisenhower on the idea of friendly meetings at the Summit with leaders of the International Communist Conspiracy, first with Bulganin and Khrushchev, and then with Khrushchev alone. Motion pictures and still photographs of the President of the United States toasting the Communist dictators at the Summit were used by Soviet propagandists throughout the Red Empire of slave states to convince these captive peoples that their hated rulers were approved by the President of the United States.

(6) In the Fall of 1956, the Hungarian Freedom Fighters had succeeded, for a period of only five days, in throwing off the despised rule of the Occupying Army of the Russian Communists. The U. S. State Department, under the direction of John Foster Dulles, and certainly with the approval of President Eisenhower, sent the following telegram to Tito, Moscow's loyal puppet in the Balkans: "The Government of the United States does not look with favor upon governments unfriendly to the Soviet Union on the borders of the Soviet Union." Tito evidently relayed this message to the Kremlin, because within 48 hours, Russian Generals under orders of Khrushchev brought Mongolian troops and tanks to crush the Hungarian Freedom Fighters. Reports from behind the Iron Curtain indicate that these young Hungarian Freedom Fighters were rounded-up, crammed into boxcars and paraded through the Communist-occupied countries of Eastern Europe as "object lessons" to those who might seek to resist Communist rule.

(7) At Eisenhower's instigation, the Atoms-for-Peace plan was inaugurated, under which the United States shared with Socialist and Communist countries the results of our superior knowledge in the field of atomic research.

(8) Khrushchev's visit to the United States at the invitation of Eisenhower gave added prestige to Khrushchev, the killer of the Ukraine.

(9) Under John Foster Dulles and Eisenhower, arms were denied to Batista, and thus Castro was helped in his climb to power, even though Castro's Communist affiliations over at least a 10-year period should certainly have been known by the Central Intelligence Agency.

In the summer of 1961, Mr. Robert Welch published his "Scoreboard" in AMERICAN OPINION magazine, in which he stated his thesis that "the government of the United States is now under 50 - 70% operational control of the Communist Party." An interesting corollary is revealed by the CSA Voting Index, just published by The Conservative Society of America which, based on the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, documents the fact that 67% of the House of Representatives, and 72% of the U. S. Senate, vote 50% or more of the time in favor of Socialist and/or Communist-appeasing legislation!

In the February issue of NATIONAL REVIEW, Buckley even opposes Welch's statement which rightfully asserts that Tito always has been and will remain a faithful Communist agent of the Kremlin. Examples of Buckley's nit-picking and disagreement over intensity of expression - his hand-wringing over exaggerated conclusions - consumes several columns.

One thing that really worries Buckley is that Robert Welch casts aspersions on NATO, which was sold to the American people as a "defensive shield." NATO is now proving to be a step toward the formation of the Atlantic Union, and shoe horn by which America is to be slipped into the European Common Market. Should the u.s. join the Common Market our tariffs would be regulated by foreigners and our national sovereignty would be gravely menaced.

The Conservative Movement needs Robert Welch.....and it also needs Bill Buckley. The wit and humor of Bill Buckley is reaching a growing audience among collegians of all ages. If William F. Buckley, Jr. and NATIONAL REVIEW prove themselves to be wrong on too many occasions, true Conservatives may loose interest in his opinions.

Many Americans all over the country are waking up to the fact that a number of formerly-dependable magazines, such as TIME, NEWSWEEK, LIFE and LOOK, seem to be selling a philosophy alien to American Constitutional principles and traditions. It will be remembered that the LITERARY DIGEST folded when its editors mis-read the temper of the American people and the trends of American political life. Many Conservatives today have been newly-recruited into the ranks of "alert Americans." They will stand for no nonsense when it comes to discussing frankly what is wrong with those individuals who are responsible for policy-making in our Government.

Certainly William F. Buckley and Robert Welch have the right to draw their various conclusions from the same set of facts. We believe that Robert Welch has more correctly assessed the degree of Communist infiltration in our national political situation. We are amused that Mr. Buckley is so alarmed that the irrefutable logic of Robert Welch seems on the verge of destroying Bill Buckley's humorous little world peopled by forgetful historians, illogical Liberals, pussy-footing Pinks, and other fantastics who pretend not to see the ugly Red strain that is polluting the river of America's destiny.

BIRCH SOCIETY POLICY CHIDED

Should Aid Democracy, Says Robert Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy said Tuesday the John Birch Society was largely a well-meaning group that could do the country good if it devoted its energy to positive strengthening of democracy instead of tilting at domestic Communists.

"In this country the Communists have absolutely no following," Kennedy told a conference of the Advertising Council. The council is an organization of advertisers and agencies that contributes free advertising to causes in the public interest.

After a brief address, Kennedy invited questions from the business executives. One of the first was: "How seriously do you evaluate the Communist conspiracy in the United States?"

Kennedy replied that the 8,000 or 10,000 Communists here who take orders from Moscow—compared with the possibly half million who once did—continue to be a threat.

"But I don't think they have any power or following," he said. "If all the effort that is expended on them could be turned to positive causes — strengthening our schools, seeing that American history is taught, strengthening local governments, interesting people in politics and in voting—this energy would do very much more good."

"The John Birch Society and all the rest are largely well-meaning people but I think if they would address themselves to a positive approach, we would all be much better off," he said.

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On April 16, 1962, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past voluntarily furnished the following information:

One [redacted] invited two anti-Castro Cubans to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society, Inc., (JBS), in Gulfport, Mississippi. The meeting took place on the evening of either [redacted] or [redacted] These two Cubans were accompanied by their wives. The two Cubans are individually members of both the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans, Louisiana and Cuban Anti-Communist Revolutionary Unity. Both of these groups worked together and their stated purpose is to obtain unity among anti-Castro Cubans in the New Orleans area in their fight against Fidel Castro. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] is reported to have donated $50.00 to a campaign held in New Orleans during the months of December, 1961 and January, 1962 which campaign was known as the "Crusade to Free Cuba". This campaign was originally sponsored by the now defunct Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD) (Democratic Revolutionary Front) which was headquartered in Miami. The campaign was actually run by prominent citizens of New Orleans and was opened by a proclamation by Mayor Victor M. Schiro in December, 1961. The campaign was also backed by both the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans and the Cuban Anti-Communist Revolutionary Unity. b6 b7C

The stated purpose of [redacted] invitation to the two Cubans to attend the John Birch Society meeting at Gulfport, Mississippi was to reach some conclusion as to how the JBS could help anti-Castro Cubans in their fight against Castro and international communism. The meeting was held on b6 b7C

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The principal speaker was Dallas Wales, who decried the alleged corruption of morals in the United States and generally referred to the apathy and corruption in the federal government. A recommendation made by Wales was that people should themselves take an active part in opposition to communism. Wales commented that John Birch Society members should strive to talk to people about communism to awaken them to its danger.

During Wales' talk there were some outbursts from members of the audience to the effect that President Kennedy was a communist. Wales denied these accusations but did state that Kennedy had attended school in England as a young man, which school was at that time run by a communist. Wales made other comments generally referring to the absorption by the federal government of private enterprise and the fact that the USA was becoming a socialist state.

Wales also commented that there should be a JBS member running in every election, no matter how small the post may be. He stated that each member should have at least 100 followers.

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followers.

After the general meeting terminated, some few persons remained to chat with the Cubans present. Among those remaining were Jim True, [redacted] Dallas Wales and a young fellow who [redacted] The question arose as to what John Birch members as individuals could do to help in the fight against communism outside of the United States in order to assist anti-Castro Cubans. It was suggested by one of the Cubans that perhaps literature concerning the methods of fighting communism printed by the John Birch Society, Inc., could be translated to Spanish and effectively used. Mention was also made concerning arms and ammunition but the discussion concerning this was vague and nothing was decided in that regard. The ultimate result was that certain interested members of the JBS would contact some of the Cubans in the near future to see what cooperation could be rendered by these individual members to assist the Cubans in the fight against international communism against Fidel Castro.

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Enclosed are 9 copies for the Bureau of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Nine copies are being furnished to the Bureau in view of the reference made in the enclosed letterhead memorandum concerning anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans which brings this within the scope of Internal Security-Nationalistic Tendency Matters.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is PSI [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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No active investigation is being conducted in this matter as per prior Bureau instructions. However, any additional information received voluntarily from PSI [redacted] or from any other source regarding the John Birch Society, Inc., or regarding the interest of any individual member of the John Birch Society in assisting anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans, will be reported to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Birch Society Claims Credit For School Film

Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, writing in the society's "Blue Book," claims credit for the film, "Communism on the Map," part of the required curriculum in Louisiana high schools.

High school students in the state cannot graduate without being exposed to the film which was produced by Harding College in Searcy, Ark.

The 1960 legislature passed a resolution making the film part of a six-weeks unit on "Americanism versus Communism;" the State Board of Education approved the program in October 1960 and authorized the State Department of Education to set up the court and choose materials for it.

The unit of work was prepared under the direction of Dr. J. B. Robertson, assistant state superintendent; Raphiel Teagle, director of high schools; Lionel Pellegrin, director of elementary schools; Paul E. Marionneaux, supervisor of high schools, and Thomas G. Holliman, assistant supervisor.

The legislature did not specify what materials would be used in the course and selection of materials was in the hands of the department of education. Officials of that department could not be reached for comment today as to why this particular film was chosen for inclusion in the course.

A State Department of Education bulletin on "Americanism versus Communism" specifies that all high school students must view the film. East Baton Rouge Parish seniors who already had completed their history courses were gathered together to view the film before graduating in the 1961 school year.

The East Baton Rouge Parish school system owns one copy of the film, a revised version which elminates some material used in one of the first copies, owned by the State Department of Education, shown East Baton Rouge principals and supervisors. The first version, containing references to a television entertainer and some references to the Catholic Church, has been withdrawn following threatened action by the CBS television network.

On March 15, 1961, in his "postscript" to the "Blue Book of the John Birch Society," Welch wrote, "During the past few months, members of the John Birch Society have also been responsible for probably tens of thousands of "Communism on the Map." . . It was created by an ardent member of the John Birch Society, drawing upon at least some of our materials."

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DAILY WORKER

On 12/6/62, [redacted] advised that she is presently receiving the Sunday Daily Worker. She stated that the subscription is in the name of [redacted] who sends the paper on to her by mail. She noted that she wanted this publication so that she could have knowledge of what it contained and was in no way interested in being associated with the Communist Party. She just wants to be conversant with their views. [redacted] advised that she was presently a member of a chapter of the John Birch Society which is headed by [redacted]

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RIFLE, PISTOL CLUB OFFICERS — New officers of the Jackson Rifle and Pistol Club (left to right) are: Dr. Henry Westhafer, president; David Brasfield, first vice president; Lewis Luke, secretary-treasurer; and Max Harris, executive officer. The club is making plans to obtain a covered firing line with 40 shooting points and turning targets at 25 yards. Club matches are held weekly every Sunday afternoon at the range just north of Jackson.—Photo by Perry Nations.

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"THE CIVIL [illegible] OF 1963"

A Nail For [illegible] Coffin Of The Americ[illegible] Republic

A recent president of the American Bar Association has solemnly declared: "The proposed extension of federal executive and administrative control over business, industry, individual citizens and the states by the package of legislation called 'The Civil Rights Act of 1963' exceeds the sum total of all such extensions by all decisions of the Supreme Court and all Acts of Congress from 1787 to June 19, 1963. When future generations look back through the eyes of history at this legislation they will recognize ten percent of 'civil rights' and ninety percent extension of raw federal power."

The results of this legislation would be enormous suffering by, and oppression of, both our white citizens and our Negro citizens alike; and such turmoil, rioting, bitterness and chaos as benefits only the Communists—or a federal government drunk with its drive for power. For a free copy of a brief analysis of this legislation by highest legal authority, write to *Co-ordinating Committee For Fundamental American Freedoms*, Suite 520, 301 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. For a full understanding of the background, forces, and purposes behind this legislation, send one dollar for *The Civil Rights Packet* to AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont, Massachusetts.

In the meantime, the last bulwark against this Act is the hard pressed opposition within the United States Senate. If you oppose this "Civil Rights Act of 1963," make your protest known, emphatically and immediately, by telegrams and letters, not only to your own Senators but to as many other Senators as you can. The address in every case is simply Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

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EDITORIAL TALK

Birch Society -

uring the recent convention in San Francisco, some loud-mouthed liberals attacked extremists, declaring the John Birch Society to be classified, in the same breath, Communists. After careful study, we can see that nothing can be further from the truth. The Birch Society is centered on the Christian religion, and is the most vigorous opponent of Communism in the world today.

For fear our readers might believe some of the tripe expounded by the Rockerfellows, Javits, Keatings and Pearsons, we provide the following.

John Morrison Birch was born May 28, 1918 in Landour, India. His parents were serving as Christian Missionaries in the University there. John's parents later reurned to Vineland, New Jersey, where he attended grammar school. His father, now teaching agriculture, moved with the family, in 1930 to Rome, Georgia. At this time John had six brothers and sisters, and the depression of the day didn't make matters any easier on the farm which they ran.

John finished hig school, then entered Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, where he received his B. A. degree in 1939, magna cum laude. He then went to the Bible Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth, and after graduating here, volunteered for missionary work in China. His work there was blessed, as he was afire to accomplish the Lord's mission.

When the war brokeout with the Japanese, communications and materials were cut off from the United States, still John Birch carried on as best he could. When the fall of China was evident, John became the chaplin for Col. Doolittle's pilots, and later took the same position with Gen. Claire Chennault. He was commissioned a 2nd. Lt.

Because he could speak several native Chinese dialects, he was asked to further serve his country by going behind the Japanese lines in China to rescue downed U. S. fliers. The ability, skill and determination with which John Birch performed his heroic missions are too lengthy to discuss here, but it can be honestly said 'here was a true American.'

In 1945, after the war officially ended, John Birch was scheduled to make his first trip home from China. He was asked to do one moreservicefor his country, and accepted.

He was sent on a secret mission, still classified as such today by the government, into Chinese Communist Territory A coalition government was being formed by the aid of the U. S. During this mission, John Birch and his whole party of 12 were killed withoutreason by the Communists. He became the first known American to die in the cold war.

The John Birch Society is founded on his Christian principals, hence the name, and is dedicated to exposing the Communist menace where ever it may be found.

If the liberal elements oppose this kind of extremism, then we can but say 'more power' to the John Birch Society.

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TO THE PUBLIC...

BIRCHERS ARE CHRISTIANS— Our first concern is the preservation of a Constitutional Government. Our foes are the Atheists, Fabians, Socialists, and Communists, many of whom are in high places in government. Men like Warren, Franfurter, Stevenson and many, many others.

We do not use rabble-rousers to accomplish our purpose. We operate in the open, in an orderly, dignified manner. Our greatest tool is letter-writing. We commend what we like, we oppose what we dislike by writing letters to the parties concerned. It works! Hence the squaks by our enemies.

(MORE NEXT WEEK!)

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BIRCHERS ARE "EXTREMISTS"

If it is extreme to be against organizations using children to spearhead demonstrations that defy law and order, teaching youngsters disrespect for law, then we are "extremists".

If it is extreme to believe that property owners have Constitutional rights to the use of their property, such as was denied Maddox in Atlanta, who has our deepest sympathy—then we are "extremists".

If it is extreme to believe that a farmer can plant whatever crop he chooses and as much as he chooses and sell it in an open market, then we are "extremists"—Farming is now socialized.

If it is extreme to believe that one has a moral right and duty to choose his and his children's companionship, which is now denied us, then we are "extremists".

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Ex-Legislator To Speak Here

John H. Rousselot, former congressman from the 25th District of California and presently national director of public relations for the John Birch Society, will speak on civil rights at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Broadmoor Junior High School. The title of his speech is "Civil Rights—Communist Betrayal of a Good Cause."

It is Rousselot's contention that Communists plan to use civil rights legislation now under consideration in Congress to advance their own ends. He has stated, "The Communists have a long, clear record of using civil rights to bring about civil disorder, to pit American against American." Rousselot will document this statement.

IN A SPEECH delivered Oct. 3, 1963, in Pasadena, Calif., at the 32nd Annual Youth Banquet of the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce, Rousselot said, "The civil rights of all citizens must be protected; however, the protection of those rights, under the United States Constitution, is a basic responsibility of local and state governments. The administration has moved heaven and earth to make it virtually impossible for local and state governments to exercise this responsibility.

"I would never condone denying a citizen the use of public facilities, but privately owned property and facilities are another matter. Certainly, a person has the right to determine how his property is to be used and by whom, providing what he does with it is not contrary to established law."

IN THE HOUSE OF Representatives, he served on two important committees—the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and the Banking and Currency Committee. Also, he was secretary of the California Republican congressional delegation and a member of the all-important Republican Policy Committee. Other positions in government which he has held include director of public information for the Federal Housing Administration and deputy to the chairman of the California State Board of Equalization.

John H. Rousselot

Rousselot's appearance is being sponsored in Shreveport by the local chapters of the John Birch Society. Tickets are available for a $1.00 donation and may be secured from members and friends of the John Birch Society or at the door the night of the meeting. Also, tickets may be ordered by mail by writing to P. O. Box 1674, Shreveport. These donations help to defray the expenses of the meeting. Anyone desiring more information may telephone 865-3117.

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Civil Rights Movement Said Longtime Red Aim

The national public relations director of the John Birch Society called the Negro civil rights movement a "main and well perforated target of the Communist party today and as far back as the 1920s," in a speech here last night.

John H. Rousselot, former congressman from California, spoke on "Communist Betrayal of a Good Cause," in an address before a large Broadmoor Junior High School auditorium audience last night. The speech was sponsored by the local chapters of the John Birch Society.

Rousselot began his speech by saying that "all Americans believe in civil rights as spelled out in the Constitution." He added that the current civil rights movement does not embody those principles.

The Birch official cited five points to prove his basic premise and offered documentation, mostly in the form of legislative records and testimonials of public officials and news media releases.

He said current "fomentation" of civil rights violence is a major domestic program of the Communists and that the party has heavy influence in the movement.

CLIMATE OF TERROR

The Communist strategy, he said, is to establish "a climate of terror and violence between the white and Negro races," to gain control of the government. He stated that terrorist action would concentrate more power in the federal government to make the American system more vulnerable to destruction from within.

After citing early U.S. Communist party directives to enter the civil rights filed, dating back to the 1920s and 30s, Rousselot reviewed the current civil rights organizations.

He summarized "Communist infiltration" into the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People by saying that 59 of the top NAACP leaders have been associated with more than 450 subversive organizations.

He said that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) has 42 present officers which have belonged to 650 subversive organizations. The subversive organizations cited were those on the attorney general's list of Communist front groups, Rousselot added.

The Birch spokesman told the audience of several actions which he said citizens could take to prevent "slipping into the abyss of the so-called civil rights movement." Included among these was to place the blame for racial trouble on the Communist Party "where it belongs," while fighting unconstitutional civil rights legislation.

All Americans, regardless of race, should be encouraged to use the rights they have and to keep religious convictions alive in America, he added.

The speaker also called on communications media to give more attention to the barriers of segregation which already have been broken instead of street demonstrations and similar activity.

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Speaker Raps Federal Action in Education

John Rousellot, national public relations director for the John Birch Society, said here yesterday that Communists have infiltrated the civil rights movement to pit race against race. He said this had been their aim since the 1920's.

Rousellot, former Republican congressman from the 25th district of California, said, however, that Communist infiltration of the civil rights movement wasn't all that is wrong with it.

"The 10th Amendment, which reserves to the states all powers not specifically granted to the federal government, hasn't been repealed," he said. He added that the federal government has no authority in the field of education and there was no constitutional authority for the federal government to force compliance of the civil rights bill in private business places.

ROUSELLOT spoke at a meeting sponsored by local John Birch chapters in the Broadmoor Junior High School. A large crowd was on hand. His subject was "Communist Betrayal of a Good Cause."

The speaker said Americans support those civil rights guaranteed in the Constitution but that the current civil rights movement does not embody those principles.

In a press interview, Rousellot said the defeat of Sen. Barry Goldwater had made conservatives "more mindful of the tremendous communications problem to alert more people to the facts.

"WE WILL have to develop leaders in the conservative movement. The rush toward socialism is not going to be reversed in just a few years." The collectivist point of view—socialism, communism, fascism—has been spread in education, religion, journalism, government and business so subtly that many are unaware of what has occurred."

Rousellot said he believes that Lee Harvey Oswald was a "disciplined Communist."

"THINK what would have happened if Oswald had not been caught," Rousellot speculated. "Already people like Earl Warren were making public statements that President Kennedy was slain by rightist elements."

Asked what advantage the Communists could gain by the assassination of President Kennedy, Rousellot replied:

"President Kennedy had not been able to get the civil rights bill passed, and the Communists have long wanted this bill to centralize more power in the hands of the federal government. They felt that Congress might pass the bill in memory of a martyred president. The Kennedy family had begun to balk at some of their program, such as the busing of school children in New York. Lastly, the Communists always benefit from any drastic change."

He said the U.S. State Department had prevented a victory in Viet Nam. He added he thought President Johnson was right in letting the North Viet Namese know that "we can't be pushed around."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS)105-1499)

DATE: 9/7/65

FROM : SA WALTER P. J. QUIGLEY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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On instant date [redacted] appeared at the Shreveport Resident Agency. [redacted] identified himself as being a student at Northeastern College, Monroe, Louisiana. residence [redacted] His Shreveport residence is [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that during the fall of 1964 he was a student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. At that time, he was associated with two other students, [redacted] and [redacted] He indicated that [redacted] and that [redacted] As a matter of academic interest, while attending Northwestern, the three wrote away for some information on the John Birch Society to somewhere in the midwest, [redacted] could not remember where, and they ordered three books at $2.00 each. [redacted] stated that he could not recall the exact time thismmoney was sent, but some months later, one of the three received a letter stating that the Society was out of paperback copies of the books, but that hard bound editions would be forthcoming. He indicated that nothing further was received by any of the three to his knowledge. [redacted] disclaimed any connection with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY or any similar organization. [redacted] stated that he furnished the foregoing information in view of the fact that [redacted] indicated to him that he, [redacted] had been checked out by the FBI concerning his request for the previously described material, and he wanted to clarify his connection with the request in order to prevent possible embarrasment at a later date.

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Birch Society Member Boost Forecast Here

An increase in membership and activity of the John Birch Society can be expected in New Orleans within the next few months, Rex Westerfield, regional manager of the society's public relations department, said today.

"Due to growth already experienced and anticipated growth we will be adding, within the next few months, an additional 240 staff coordinators on a nationwide basis," he said.

Currently there are 80 of the coordinators now working for the society.

Westerfield said that nine new coordinators will be stationed in Louisiana, three of them in the New Orleais area.

"In the past," he said, "this has meant an increase of about 1,000 members for every coordinator added."

He said the coordinators will be working here to stimulate activity and growth. By more activity, Westerfield said, there will be a larger distribution of literature in the area and more speakers talking on such subjects as "civil rights, and get us out of the U.N."

He said that as a result of the setup of the John Birch Society it is impossible to determine the actual number of members.

"We judge membership by effectiveness — less government, more responsibility," he said.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

DATE: 5/10/66

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY -
INFORMATION CONCERNING;

During the evening hours of 5/4/66, while SA [redacted] was in conversation with [redacted] Patricia Motel, Ferriday, La., a middle-aged white male was observed to register at the motel.

It was determined from the course of the conversation this white male had with [redacted] that he identified himself as [redacted] of the John Birch Society, who resided in [redacted]

Further, it was determined that [redacted] was rented motel room 43, and he driving a 1964 Pontiac Tempest automobile, tutone black over tan, bearing 1966-67 La. license 14I977.

[redacted] was observed in the Ferriday, La. area during the following days of 5/5/66 and 5/6/66.

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THE GREENVILLE NEWS, GREENVILLE, S. C.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1965

SAYS KING ENEMY OF NEGRO

Negro Who Was FBI Undercover Agent Tell of Communist Danger

"Communists are determined, vicious enemies within who are betraying us and our country to enemies without," Julia Brown, a Negro who served nine years as an FBI undercover agent in Cleveland, Ohio, told more than 400 persons who gathered at Greenville Memorial Auditorium last night to hear her speak under the auspices of TACT (Truth About Civil Turmoil).

She recounted her recruitement 'because I was deceived," her attempt to leave the party and then her return to Communism at the request of the FBI.

NO MIDDLE ROAD

"There is no middle of the road in the fight against communism," she declared. "You are either actively against or you are aiding it. It won't go away by ignoring it. Communism is too firmly entrenched. It is threatening our land, our loved ones, our liberty . . . .don't let them take it from us," she concluded her story.

But it was in the 45-minute question and answer period, that followed her story of communism as her experiences while working with them as a spy for the FBI, that she used her heaviest artillery.

Asked if Martin Luther King was a Communist, she pointed out that to say so would make her liable to a million dollar suit. 'But I'll tell you this, Martin Luther King is the biggest enemy the Negro has in America. He doesn't need to be a Communist when he is aiding the Communist party. I know he attended a Communist training school when I was attending it (at the request of the FBI)."

And she predicted that the next election would see a Communist party presidential ticket with Martin Luther King up for vice president. After castigating King further in strong terms, she got in some heavy artillery on the "weak-

"The best way for a Negro to serve his race is for patriotic American Negroes to get together and organize an anti-Communist movement that is dedicated to civil rights," she told another questioner of her own race.

PROMISE 'PIE IN SKY'

Answering the question of how some Negroes are taken in by the civil rights movement, which she described as heavily infiltrated by Communists, she told her audience, "They promise you pie in the sky." And continuing her diatribe against King, she added, "I'm Negro and proud of my race. I was born in Atlanta and the only thing I hate about it is that King is from there, too."

Another questioner asked how do the Communists plan to seize this country and she made it plain that it would be "through this phony civil rights movement, using the civil rights question and the Negroes as propaganda."

During her story of her life as an FBI agnt she recounted how she had heard Communist leaders several years ago lay their plans for "revolution in the South." When her superior in Cleveland was arrested under the Smith Act "for advocating the violent overthrow of our government," she was sent to the offices to "clean out the civil rights records." Thus she was able to turn these records over to the FBI for their study, while she had them in possession.

Describing her thoughts of "becoming a heroine" and going to the FBI and telling them about Communism in Cleveland, she learned with surprise "that they knew all about it, they had files on it, they even had a file on me." Weeks later they came to her and asked her to return to the party and report back to the FBI on their activities.

"Don't ever sell your FBI short,"

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RICHLAND BEACON-NEWS,
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Mrs. Brown left the FBI in 1960, but two years later she testified before the House Committee on un-American Activities, identifying more than 120 party members, her former associates.

Speaking especially to the members of her race, who made up approximately half of the audience, she told them the "Communists will use lies and deceit to lure you into the party . . . but they practice discrimination . . . they do not seek to elevate you . . . but to use you."

INTRODUCED BY NORWOOD

Mrs. Brown was introduced by John W. Norwood, an active member in the John Birch Society, and she had nothing but good to say about the Birch Society, disclaiming statements that they are anti-Negro and telling of the scholarships they offer to worthy Negro students.

"Mrs. Brown believes as you and I do," Mr. Norwood declared. "She believes that the Communist conspiracy bodes no good for you or me or the rest of the world. But she is different from us . . . She has decided to do something about it. I want to introduce to you, an American patriot."

THE RAYVILLE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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TO : SUPERVISOR ERNEST WALL

DATE: 3/21/67

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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John Birch Society

Review this date of the motel records of Patricia Courts Motor Hotel, Ferriday, Louisiana, which were subpoeaned for NO 166-233, reflected the following registration card:

Card No. 8256 for room 14, date in 5/31/66

[redacted]

Representing John Birch Society
Auto/license plate: '65 VW, La. 50 X 200
No. of persons in party: 1
Phone calls: 2 locals (not listed)

This may be of investigative interest.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
May 23, 1967

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

On May 18, 1967, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 1, 1967, the John Birch Society, Inc. in Louisiana will sponsor Sheriff Jim Clark at the Jung Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he will speak on "Communism in the Civil Rights Movement." Donation per ticket is $1.25 and advance tickets may be obtained at Aladdin's Shop, 630 Commercial Place, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-435708)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1499)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of a LHM captioned as above.

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The source utilized in the attached letterhead memorandum is [redacted] The original of the above information is contained in [redacted] b7D

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1499) DATE: 5/19/67

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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On 5/16/67, [redacted] advised that the John Birch Society in New Orleans, La., will on June 1, 1967, sponsor Sheriff JIM CLARK at the Jung Hotel, and there he will speak on "Communism in the Civil Rights Movement". Donation for tickets is $1.25, and advance tickets may be obtained at Aladdin's Shop, 630 Commercial Place, New Orleans, Louisiana. b7D

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Enclosed for San Francisco is Xerox copy of a newspaper article captioned, "Birch Society Leader Sees Rocky, Kissinger As Threats," and sheet entitled, "Let's Bring Back Uncle Sam."

Enclosed documents were sent by [redacted], to Commanding Officer, New Orleans Army Base, Poland and Dauphine Streets, New Orleans, La., and were subsequently forwarded to the New Orleans Division of the FBI. b6 b7C

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